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**Elastica is *lighter, bulkier*  
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# *it costs no more*

**E**LASTICA is the highest quality stucco that it is humanly possible to manufacture. The best ingredients are used; it is permanently waterproofed—it is a carefully and expensively prepared material. Necessarily, it does cost more per ton—*But it does not cost more per yard.* That means that it doesn't cost *you* any more to use Elastica than it does to use ordinary stucco. And in using it you make greater profits:

First, you can make more money in using Elastica, because the cost of application is not as great; in one working day, one man and a helper can apply 20 to 25 yards more Elastica than ordinary stucco—thus cutting labor costs.

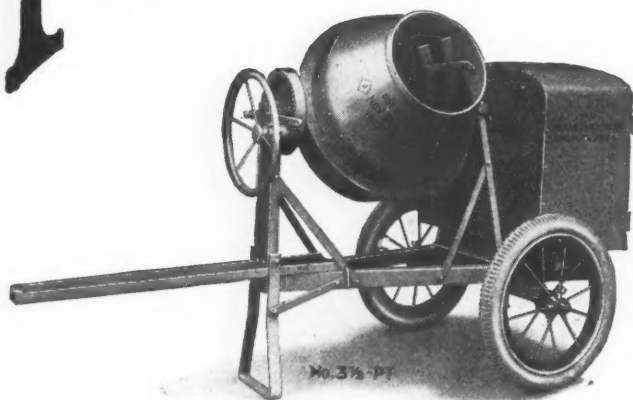
Second, it is easier to sell, and brings better prices, because it is a *well-known* quality material—its reputation helps you sell it.

And finally, the purchaser of an Elastica job becomes a satisfied owner, so that every job will bring you other prospects, and other Elastica jobs.

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THE WATERPROOFED STUCCO

# ANNOUNCING NEW MODELS—



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**Price \$166.00**

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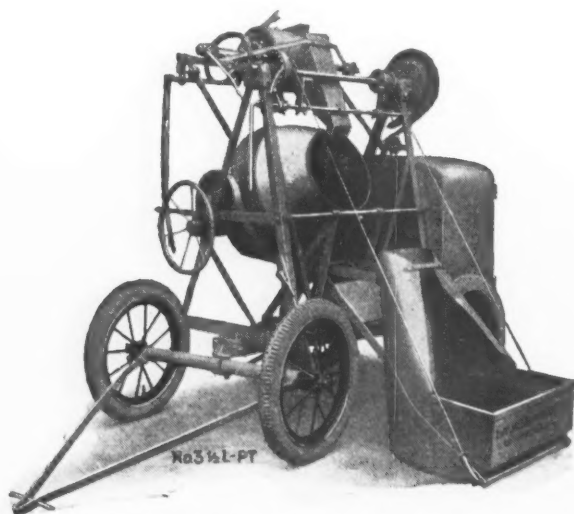
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Jaeger now manufactures six sizes of concrete mixers—and thirty-six different models. We show on this page the No. 5-L, the one-sack mixer; the 7-L for a sack-and-a-half mix; the 3½-L-PT, the new, ideal half-sack machine; and the 3½-PT for trailer service.

(Over 30,000 Jaeger Mixers have been sold since 1912.)

*The Original*  
**JAE**  
**Tilting —**

# JAEGER MIXERS

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Write us today for copy of our new 1925 catalog. With it we will send you the name of our distributor in your town. Have him demonstrate for you the superior advantages Jaeger Concrete Mixers offer you.

*All tilting-drum mixers are not Jaegers. There are many imitations but only one original Jaeger Tilting-Drum Mixer. Why consider imitations when you can buy an original Jaeger Mixer for the same or less money? Look for the name of the drum and the flat spots inside.*

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*Locks & Hardware*



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MANY builders think that Sargent Locks and Hardware of solid brass or bronze are only for pretentious buildings. It is true that no better hardware is made for the costly structure. But at the same time there is none more practical or more truly economical for the moderately priced dwelling.

Sargent Hardware is an asset of considerable value to the small-home builder. His sales appeal necessarily is based on a few prominent

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Styles for every building purpose—homes, apartments, hotels and offices.

**SARGENT & COMPANY, Hardware Manufacturers**

51 Water Street, New Haven, Conn.



## SARGENT PLANES AND SQUARES

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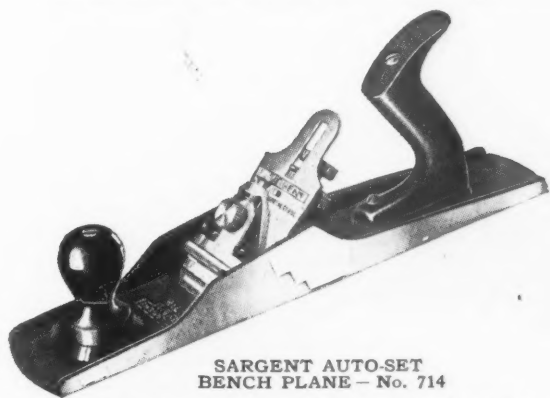
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SARGENT & COMPANY, Manufacturers

51 Water Street, New Haven, Conn.



SARGENT AUTO-SET  
BENCH PLANE—No. 714

A time and labor saver. The Auto-Set feature permits chromium steel cutter to be removed, sharpened and replaced without changing original adjustment. Never chatters when in place. Solid, compact, simply constructed. Smooth, jack, fore and jointer—in all sizes.



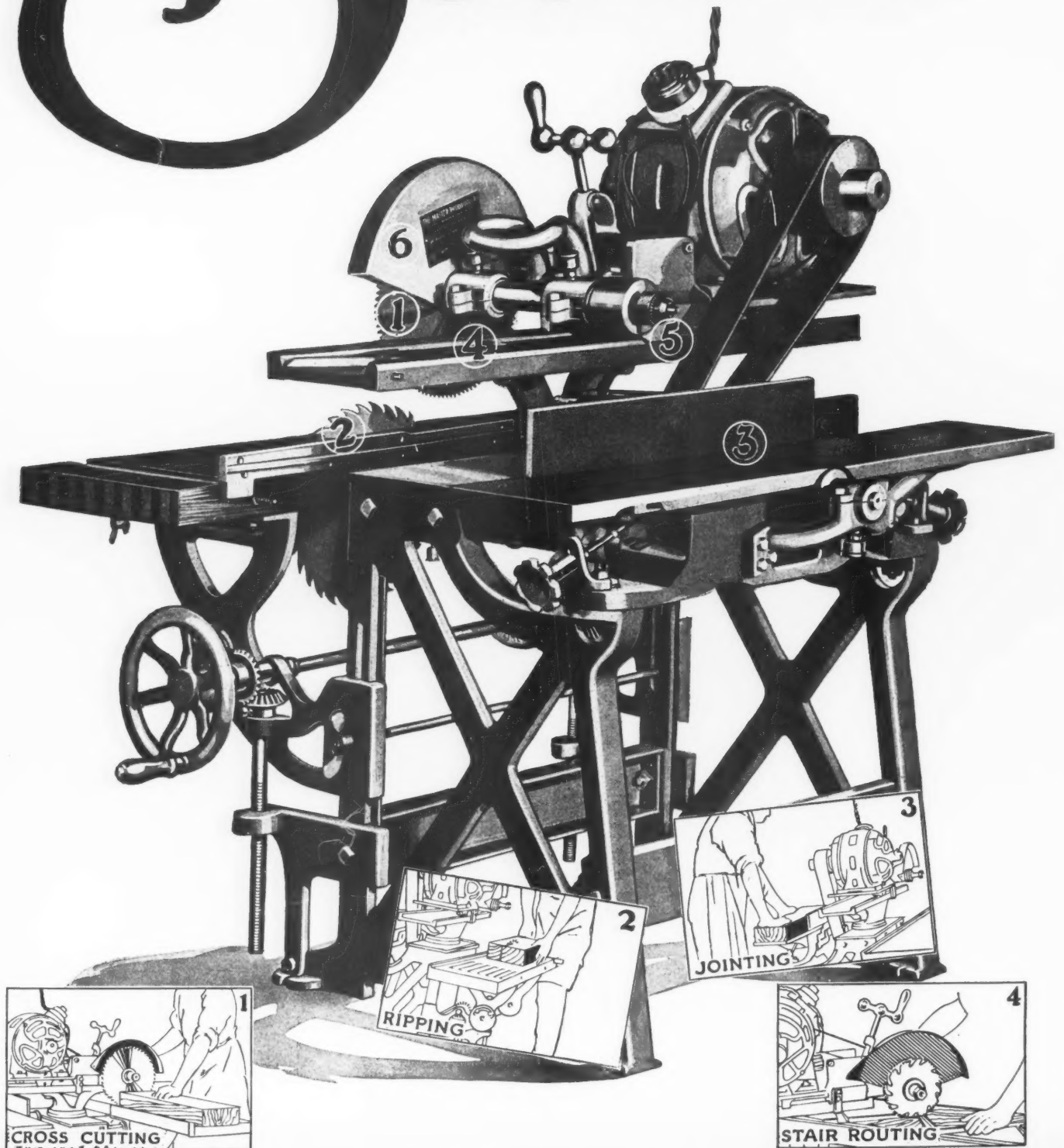
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BENCH PLANE—No. 414

Heavy chromium steel cutter (No. 12 gauge) offsets usual tendency of spring cap plane to vibrate when used across or against the grain. Cutting edge of cutter held rigidly against frog by foot of clamp. Made in all sizes—smooth, jack, fore and jointer.

# SARGENT

*Tools & Hardware*

# Save



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# 4 men's wages

The Master Woodworker will actually save four men's wages, [some contractors even put it as high as six men]. Yet the annual interest on your investment in this wonderful machine will be actually less than you would have to pay one carpenter for six days' work.

The Master Woodworker will last a lifetime, depreciation and upkeep expense being so small that it hardly need be considered.

In other words, a Master Woodworker will give you *each year* for the rest of your life, the equal of approximately 1200 days of expert labor at the price you would pay a man for ten or twelve.

We will be glad to thoroughly prove these claims if you will sign this coupon and give us a chance.

We will prove them by giving you a big book full of blue prints and detailed description so you can see for yourself what the Master Woodworker can do.

We will prove these claims by the signed statements of successful contractors who have used the machine for years.

We will prove them by sending you the machine on an easy payment plan so you can let it pay for itself. And we will give you the privilege of

returning it and getting your money back if you don't find that it does exactly as we claim.

Think of what this saving will mean to you this year in increased profits. Think of the advantages it will give you in estimating and bidding. And all for a small down payment, no more than you would pay a man for a few days' labor.

But you ought to act now so that we can make quick delivery and let it begin to earn money for you all during this big building year.

## What It Will Do

It is twelve machines in one—the fastest and most accurate woodworker on the market. It crosscuts four inches thick, rips four inches thick, dados—does routing, planing, rabbeting, boring, ripping, grinding, stair housing, jointing, moulding, crosscutting, tenoning, mitering, plowing and mortising.

Not a saw rig, but a complete woodworker. The saw travels at any angle and goes through the work the natural way. It can be transported from job to job in a Ford "pickup"

It will handle 80% of all the work in most cabinet, pattern or carpenter shops.

It will make every cut necessary for house building or inside finishing. Connectable to either 110 or 220 volts. Can be easily transported from room to room. Works accurately—no vibration—work at all times visible to the operator. Sturdy and reliable. Will last a lifetime.

*Model illustrated is the No. 9, also made in a larger size for millwork and in two smaller sizes.*

## MASTER WOODWORKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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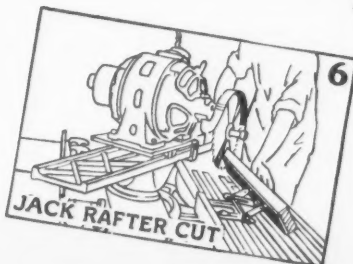
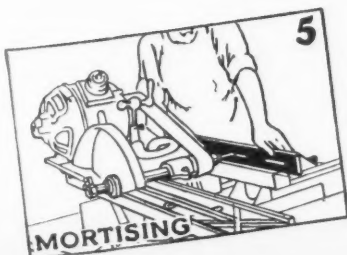
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Detroit, Michigan

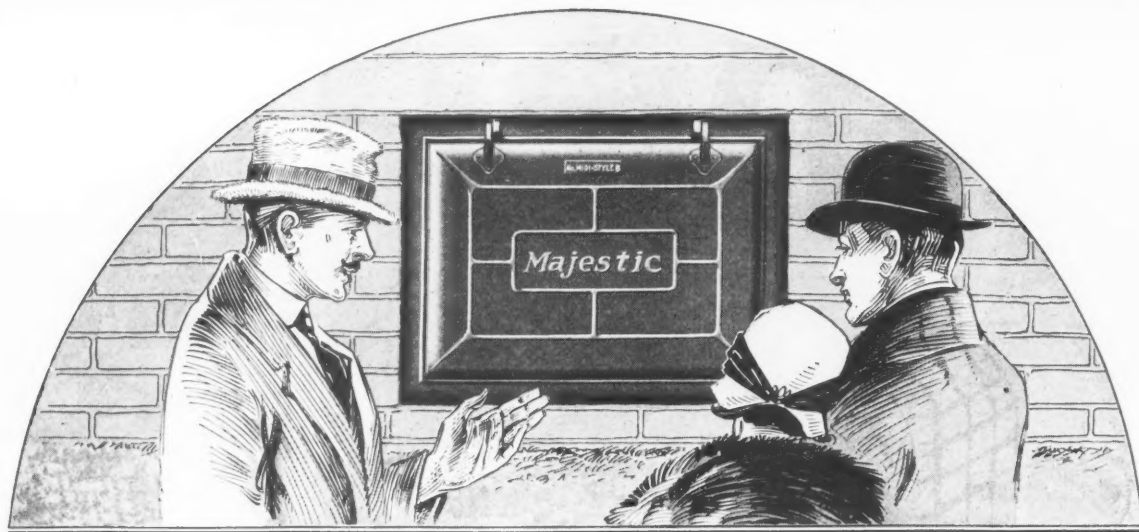
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## The Recognized Standard of Quality

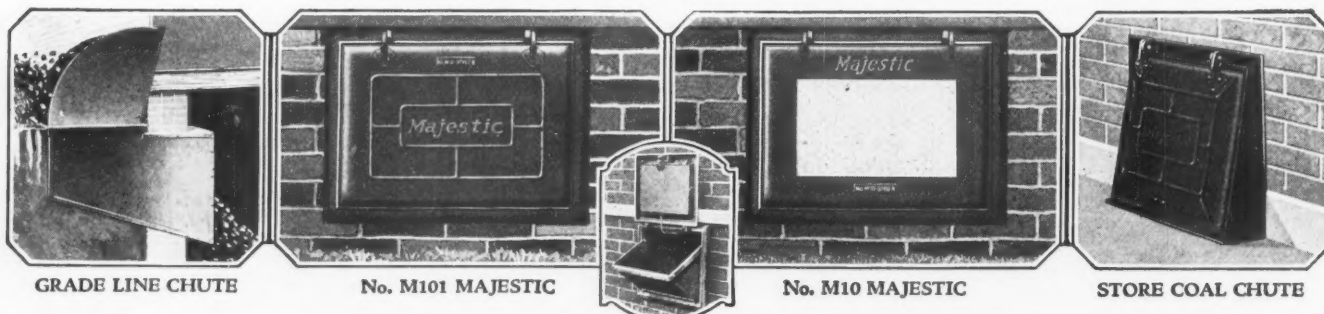
WHEN you point out a Majestic Coal Window, folks recognize it instantly as a mark of quality. It says "good value"—and it strengthens all you have said about the hidden features of the home.

The Majestic is the accepted standard of coal window quality and value, because of its break-proof, rust-resisting construction—

made of Certified Malleable Iron and Keystone Copper Steel, with electro-galvanized pressed steel door.

No wonder the Majestic Coal Window is a selling asset in a home. No wonder more and more builders are putting the Majestic in the homes they build to sell, as well as those they build on contract.

STYLES AND SIZES FOR EVERY REQUIREMENT. WRITE FOR CATALOG AND DEALER'S NAME.



GRADE LINE CHUTE

No. M101 MAJESTIC

No. M10 MAJESTIC

STORE COAL CHUTE

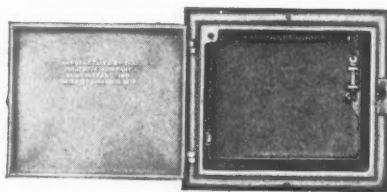
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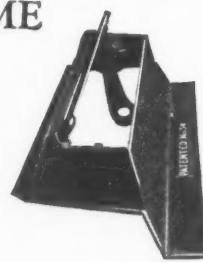
OTHER MAJESTIC QUALITY PRODUCTS  
NEEDED IN EVERY HOME



GARBAGE RECEIVER



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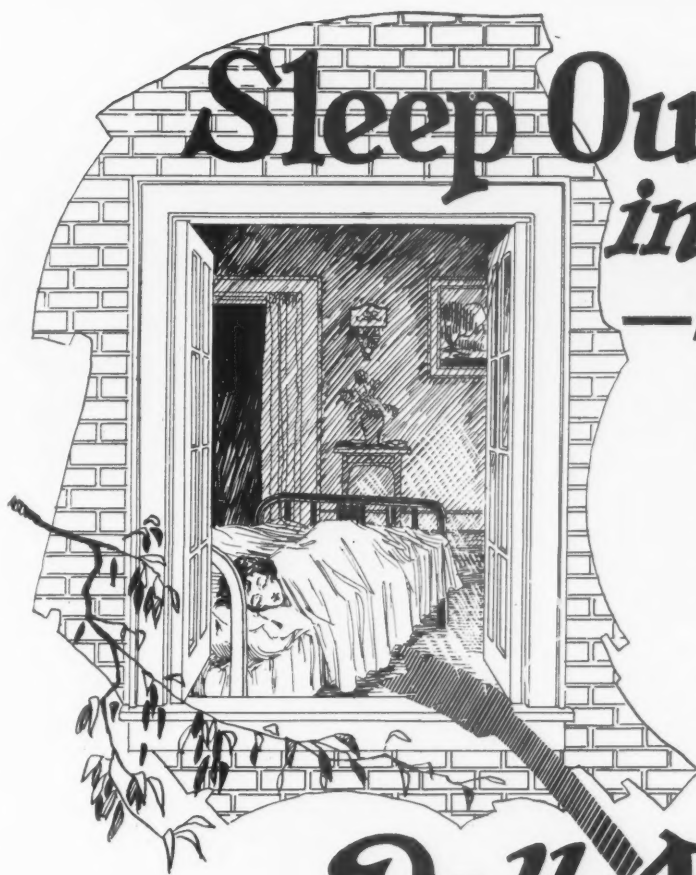
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# Sleep Out O' Doors in any room —fresh air is essential

Roll-A-Way Beds roll to any window and through any door.

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The Roll-A-Way is real furniture—made in the latest designs and finishes.

## Roll-A-Way

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The large ball-bearing, rubber tire rollers make it extremely easy to roll over carpeted floors.

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The thick felt bumper extends beyond the bed in all directions protecting the bed, the trim, and the furniture in room.

**BUILDERS.** Show your client how the installation of Roll-A-Way Beds will actually save them real money.

Write today for complete information. Send your floor plans and receive the money saving suggestions of our technical department and pass them on to your clients.

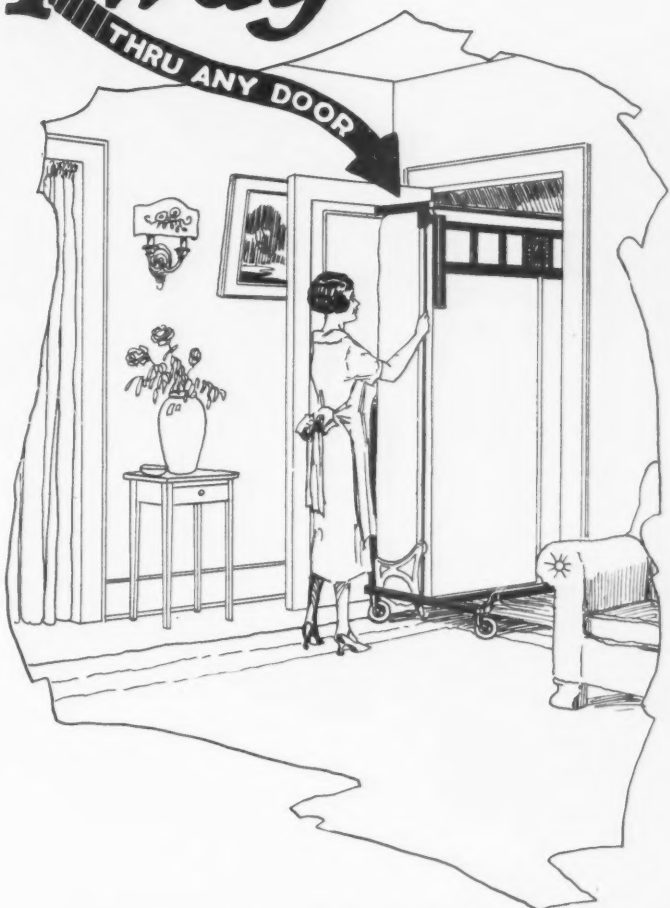
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ROLL-A-WAY SLEEPING SYSTEM

225 WEST OHIO STREET  
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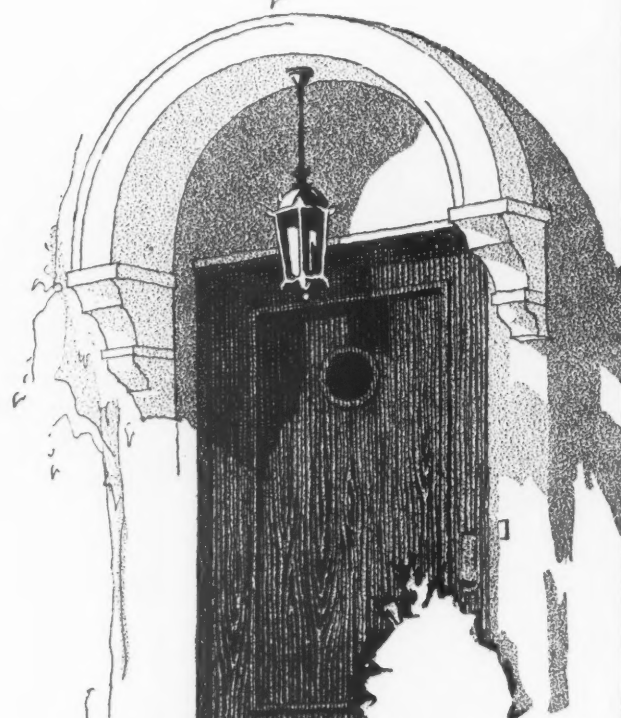
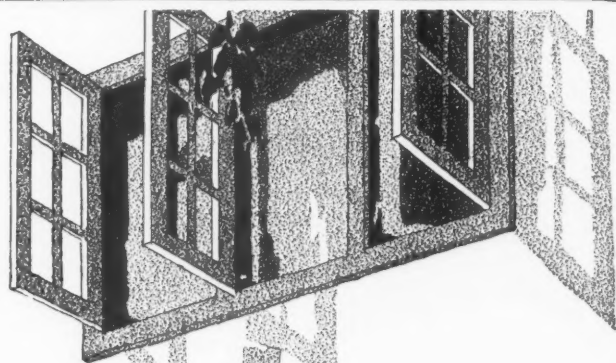
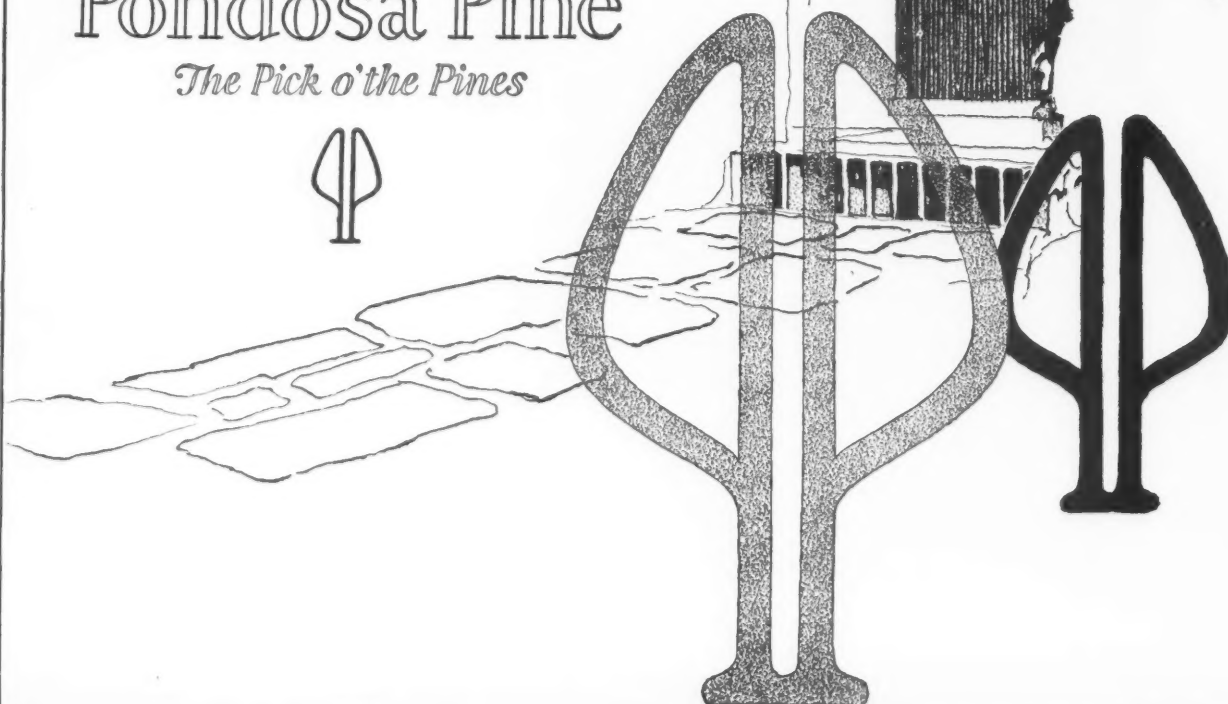


## The pick o' the pines— *Pondosa*

An inventory of the standing timber of the world reveals but little pine to compare with Pondosa, the wonder-wood from the Inland Empire of the Great Northwest. Builders say it's great wood to work with. They mean its freedom from objectionable features; the way it takes nails in short grain without splitting; the way it dresses up and takes the paint. Every trade-marked stick of this all-purpose lumber is rigidly *graded*, thoroughly *seasoned* and carefully *milled*. For sale by all good lumber dealers. Write for the Pondosa story. Address Dept. 22, Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Oregon.

## Pondosa Pine

*The Pick o' the Pines*



# Nature Contributes Permanency to **Kawneer** SOLID COPPER STORE FRONTS

*With*

## Pure Copper

For Rugged Strength—for Resistance to Weather, for Long Life and Unfailing Service, Kawneer specifications call for *Pure Copper*.

That Kawneer Solid Copper Store Fronts are built to last indefinitely is best established by the fact that the first complete installation, which was put in 20 years ago for the F. Johnson Co., of Holdrege, Nebraska, is still in good condition.

Study the six features of Kawneer Supremacy illustrated in the panel to the left. Then mail the coupon and learn, without cost or obligation, how Kawneer Store Fronts improve the appearance of any store and increase the merchant's sales and profits by making passers-by Stop, Look and Purchase.

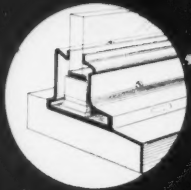
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Kawneer Company,  
2126 Front St.,  
Niles, Michigan.

Please send me without obligation  
"Design Book" of Kawneer Solid Copper  
Store Fronts.

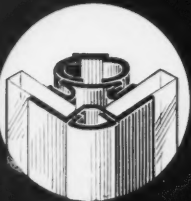
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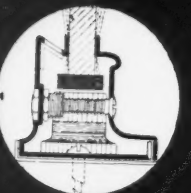
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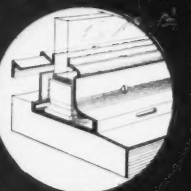
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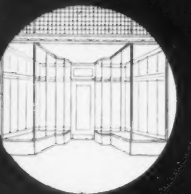
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EASE of INSTALLATION



# Control the Trade Traffic with **Kawneer** SOLID COPPER STORE FRONTS

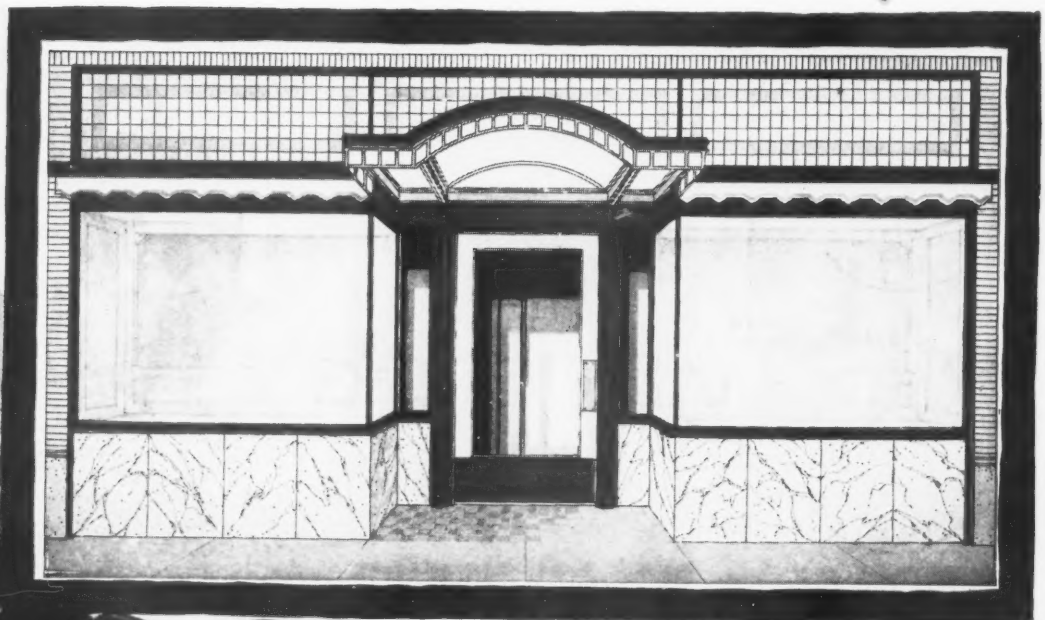
Every town and city  
has its favored business  
arteries.

To control trade traffic and  
divert business from beaten paths  
has long been one of the major accom-  
plishments of Kawneer Solid Copper  
Store Fronts.

M. E. Jolley, of Sesser, Illinois, proved this to  
his satisfaction only recently. "My sales have in-  
creased 50%," he writes, "although my present store  
location is not considered as good as my old one."

Why not get further information concerning  
Kawneer Solid Copper Fronts for store installations you  
now have under contract? The coupon on the opposite  
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*(See other side for Six Points of Kawneer Superiority.)*





# You!

## Who are you?

You're the fellow who pays and pays for dissatisfaction more times than for satisfaction.

You're the fellow who specifies the hardware on most of the jobs you erect.

You're the fellow who gets the blame if a door doesn't hang correctly even though the fault lies in the hardware.

You're the fellow who is passing up the easiest way in the world to distinguish the kind of hardware that will eliminate 95% of your troubles.

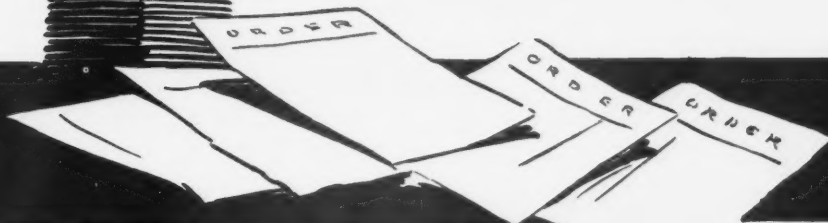
*You can't go wrong when the goods are guaranteed.*

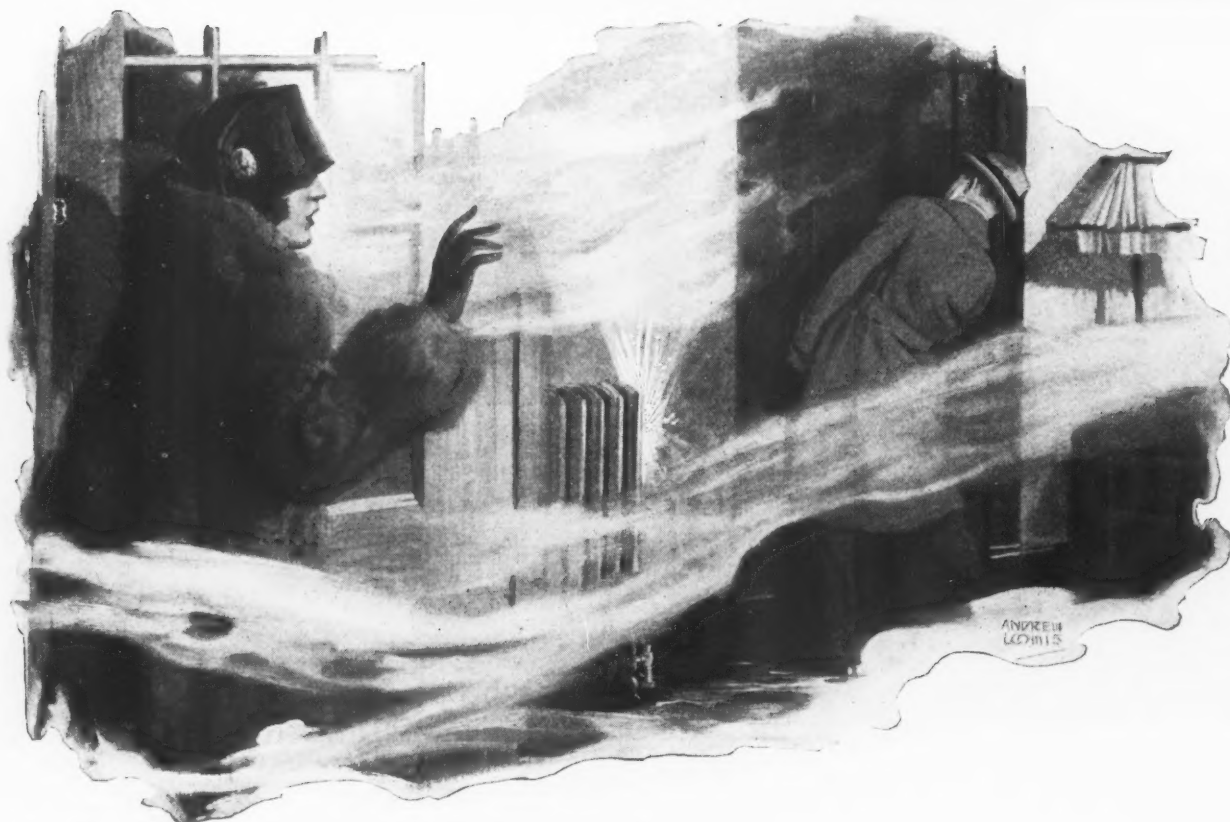
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*The stack of labels produced in the Frantz factory daily, each backed by an unlimited guarantee.*

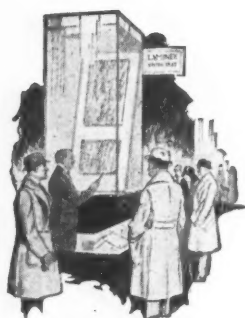


*"Distinguish the Hardware by the Label"*





## If a steam pipe burst— what would it do to the door?



SINCE originated a year ago by the Forest Products Laboratory, University of Washington, this famous Laminex water test has been successfully repeated by Dayton Sash and Door Company, Dayton; McPhee and McGinnity, Denver; Hortman Company, New Orleans; Tacoma "Own Your Home" Exposition, Tacoma; Cole Manufacturing Company, Memphis; McCauley, Brooklyn; California Industrial Exposition, San Francisco; South Texas Fair, Beaumont; and other leading door distributors and building material expositions. Under this rigorous test, no Laminex door has ever warped or come apart!

**E**VEN THE STEAM from a broken radiator *can not* make Laminex doors stick or jam!

Common doors, under such abuse, will warp and twist and swell tight. Steam blisters their surface, leaving an ugly defect. The doors *must be* planed down and rehung!

Laminex, however, has been subjected to heat, water and strength tests at the University of Washington—has survived warehouse fires that twisted common doors out of shape—has gone through floods—and come through without warping or twisting!

Laminex is made of old-growth Douglas fir—built up by a crossing process called "lamination"—much different from doors with solid stiles and rails which have no counter-check against warping. By uniting layers under tremendous pressure with the waterproof cement, we put amazing strength into Laminex.

Progressive dealers everywhere stock Laminex. Send for our free monograph for architects and builders. We will also send actual sample of Laminex wood so you can make the famous Laminex water test for yourself.

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Laminex Doors  
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Fir Sash

# LAMINEX DOORS

WILL NOT SHRINK, SWELL OR WARP

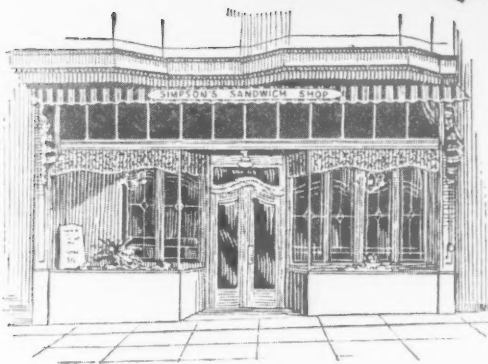
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# Armstrong's Linoleum

## for Every Floor in the House



Look for the  
CIRCLE A  
trade mark on  
the burlap back



This is the Simpson Sandwich Shop, in San Francisco, Calif. The floor is Armstrong's Marble Inlaid Linoleum, Pattern 71, cemented over a deadening felt lining on a subfloor of concrete. Installation by the Redlick Newman Company.

### Have You the Current Specification Book?

The fourth completely revised edition of "Armstrong's Linoleum Floors," the architect's and builder's linoleum handbook, contains 36 pages of data, including specifications for laying, tables of gauges and weights, and colorplates. Bound in 8½ x 11-inch manila folder. Free to any contractor upon request.

The Armstrong specifications are also contained in the Nineteenth Edition of Sweet's Architectural Catalog, pages 512-517.

### Floor Beauty in the Smart Shop

HOW quickly an appropriate linoleum floor can make over a simple little refreshment shop! Take away this floor of Armstrong's Marble Inlaid, and half the appeal of this place is gone.

This pattern of red-brown-and-yellow-streaked gray marble, interspersed with six-inch blocks of black, is one of a score and more of fine new designs in Armstrong's Inlaid Linoleum of special interest to the architect. These designs give you color and design in floors at moderate cost. Any linoleum floor can usually be completely and permanently installed for from 25 cents to 50 cents a square foot.

Every shop, store, restaurant, and office can afford to have a beautiful linoleum floor, quiet, comfortable, long wearing, and easily maintained. If you are not familiar with the fine patterns available in Armstrong's Linoleum, ask for the 1925 edition of the Armstrong Pattern Book, which shows colorplates.

Armstrong Cork Company, Linoleum Division, Lancaster, Pa.

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*"Built For the Years" of  
WESTERN RED CEDAR*

*Lovely home of W. H. Miller,  
American Lake, Wn. Frederic  
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## Every Builder Should Know This Wood and How to Use It

Easier sale or rental follows when you build of Western Red Cedar from the Pacific Northwest—"The Wood that Nature Armed Against Decay." Home buyers are learning rapidly about this unusual wood which insures exceptional durability with low upkeep expense.

Western Red Cedar is one of the most durable woods known. It is proof against rot and insect attack of all kinds. It contains no pitch or resin. It works with the greatest ease. It positively does not shrink, warp or buckle. It nails well and it accepts paint beautifully.

For siding, roofs, all exterior trim, one-piece shutters, for all uses involving exposure to weather or contact with soil, and also for some interior uses, Western Red Cedar offers more than any other available wood.

Leading yards stock Western Red Cedar from the Pacific Northwest. Any yard can get it readily. Mail the coupon below today for valuable information on uses for this money-saving wood. No cost; no obligation.

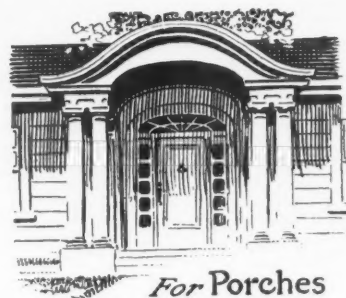
Red Cedar Lumber Manufacturers' Association  
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Please send me full particulars about Western  
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*For Porches*



*For Porch Columns  
and Railing*

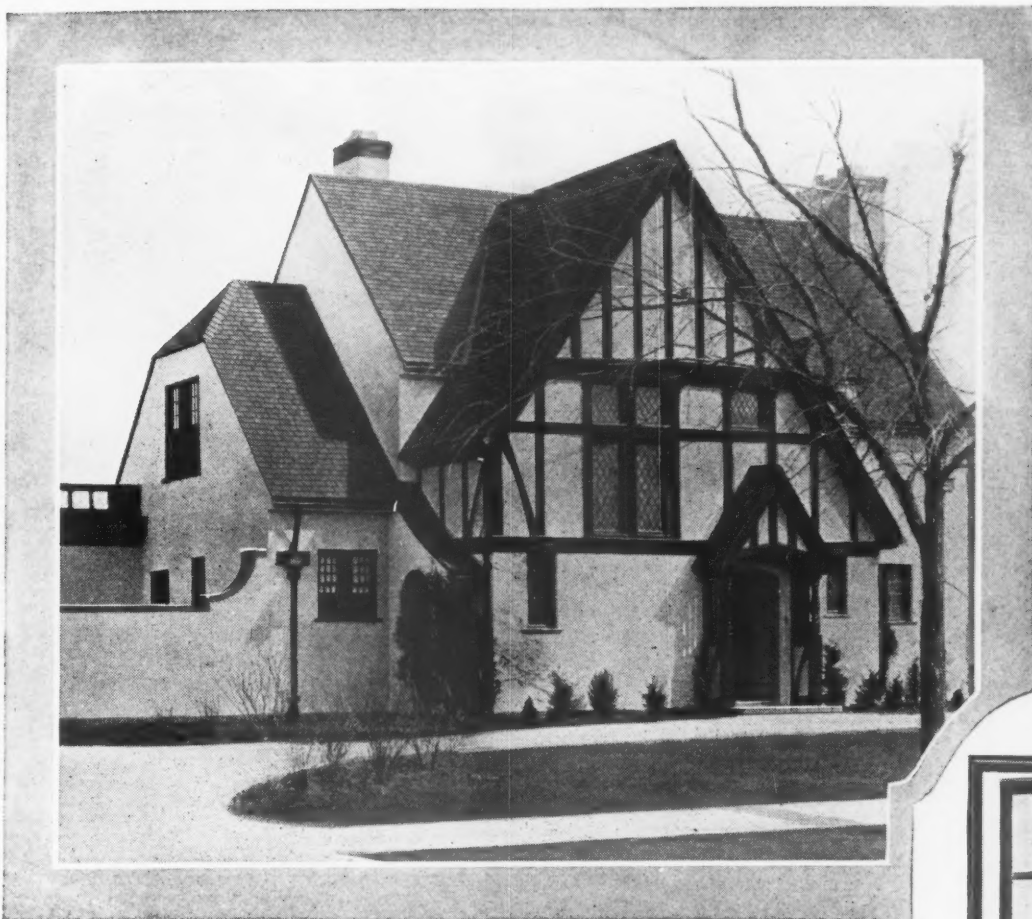


*For Porch  
Ceilings*

# Western Red Cedar

*"The Wood That Nature Armed Against Decay"*





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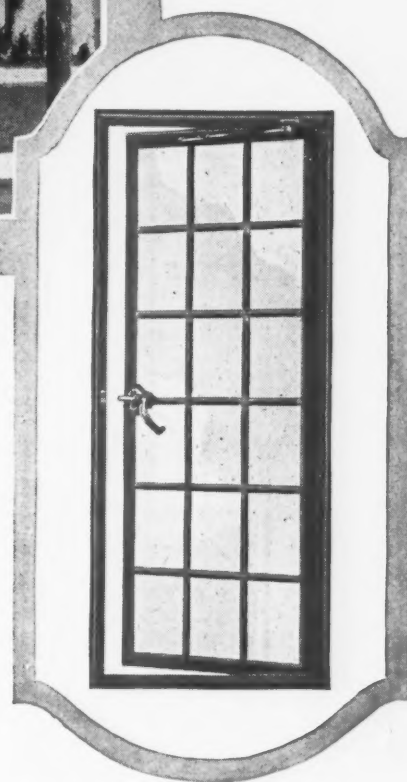
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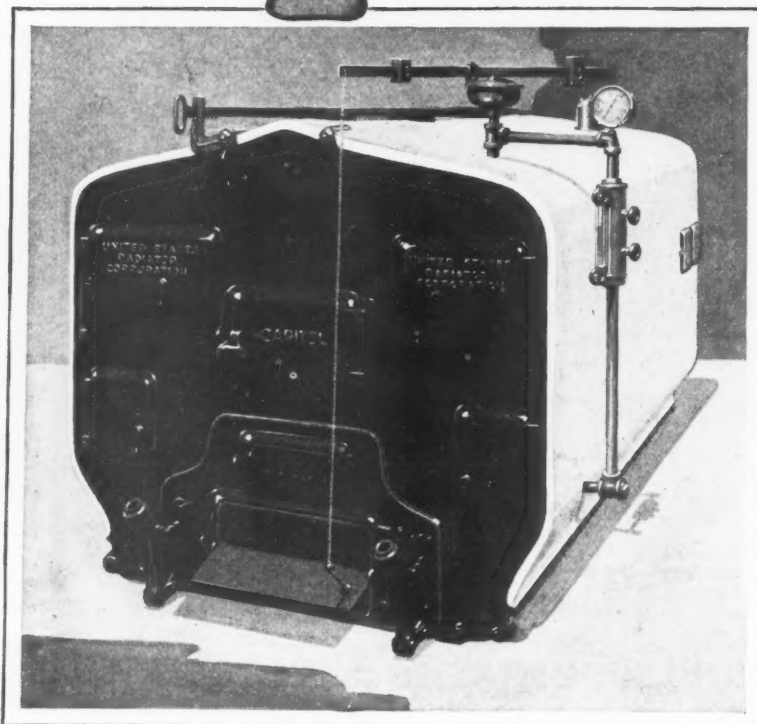
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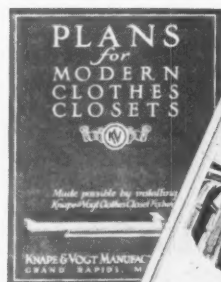
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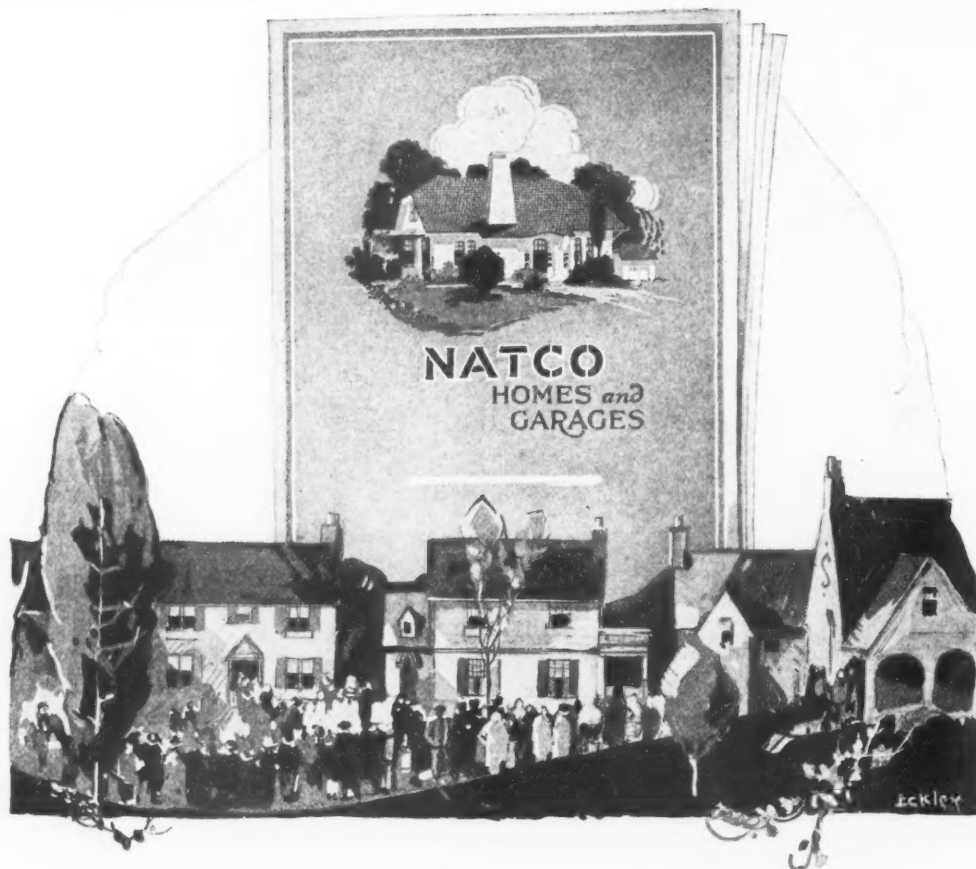
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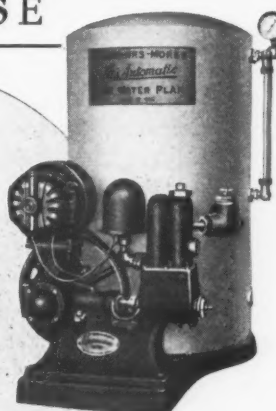
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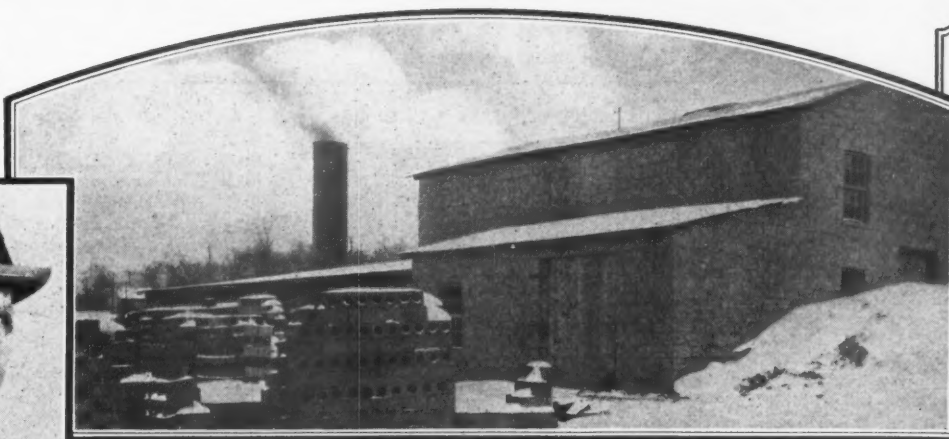
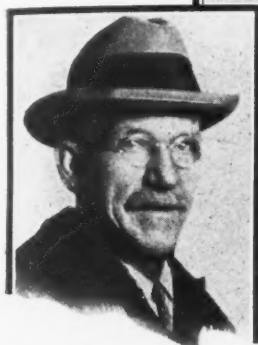
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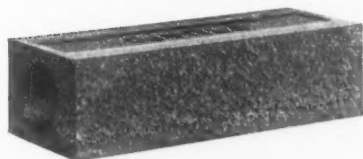
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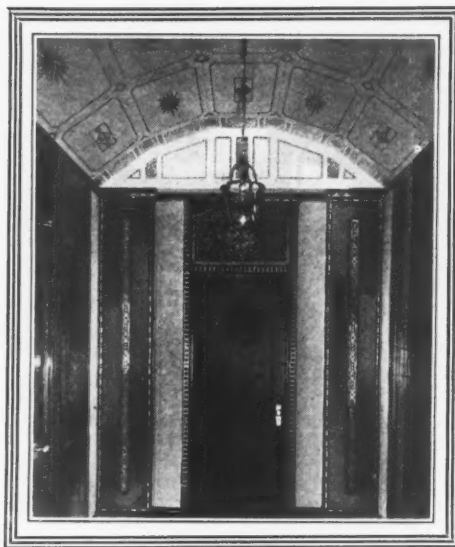
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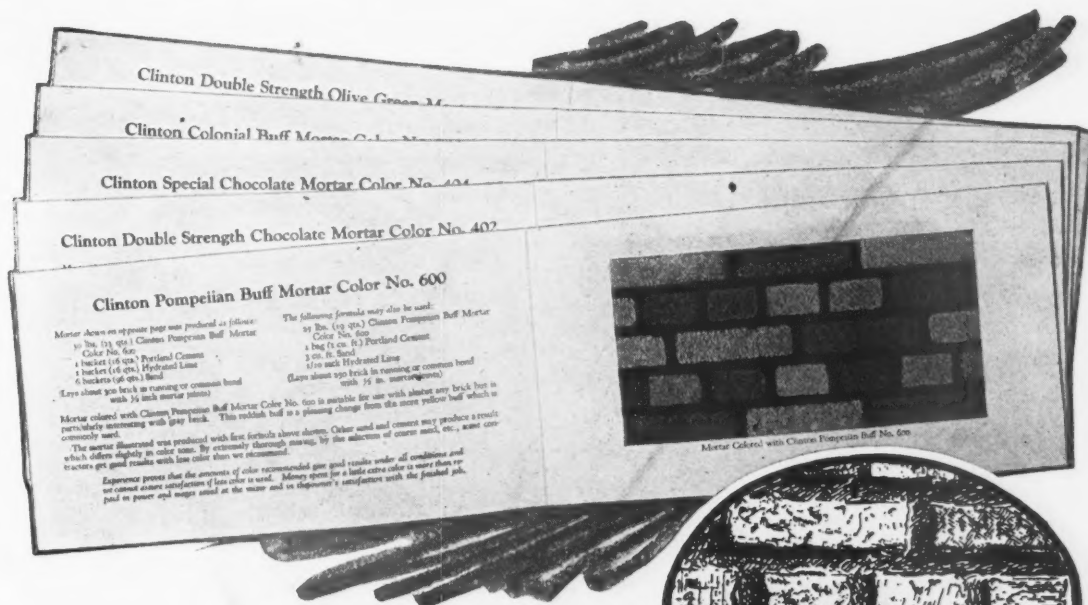
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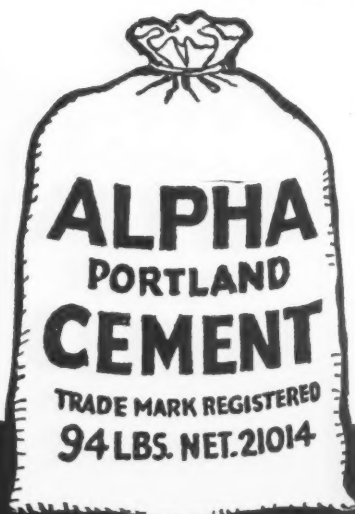
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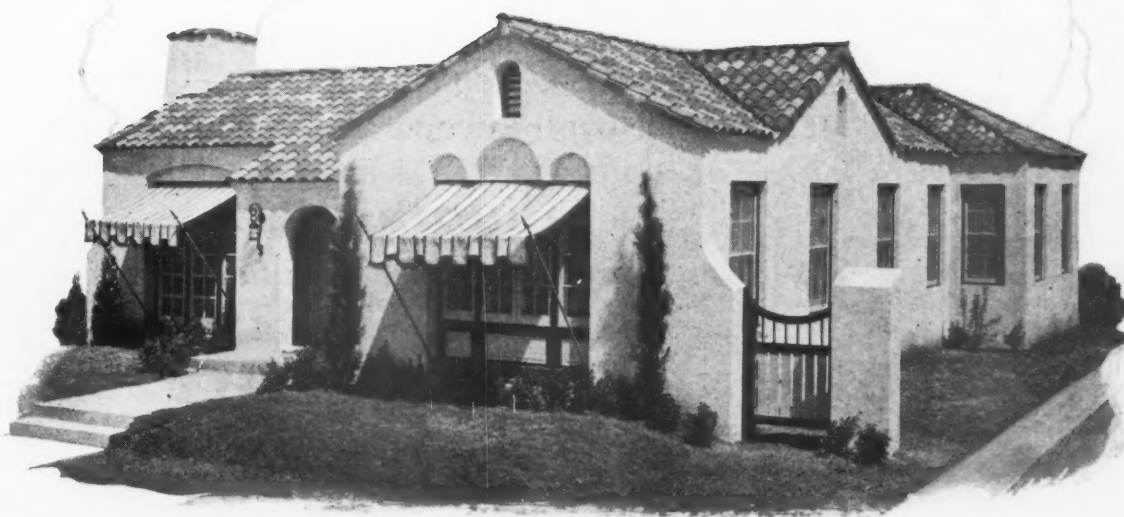
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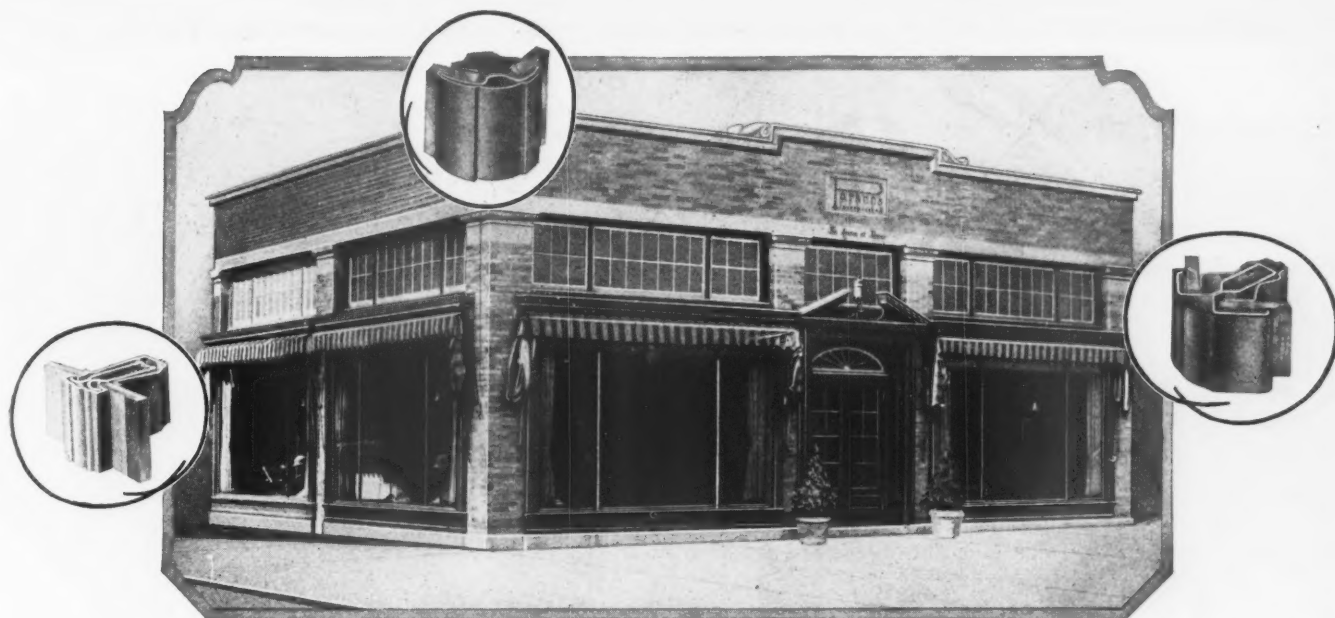
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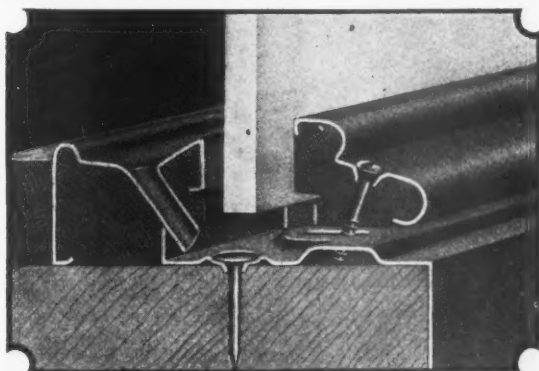




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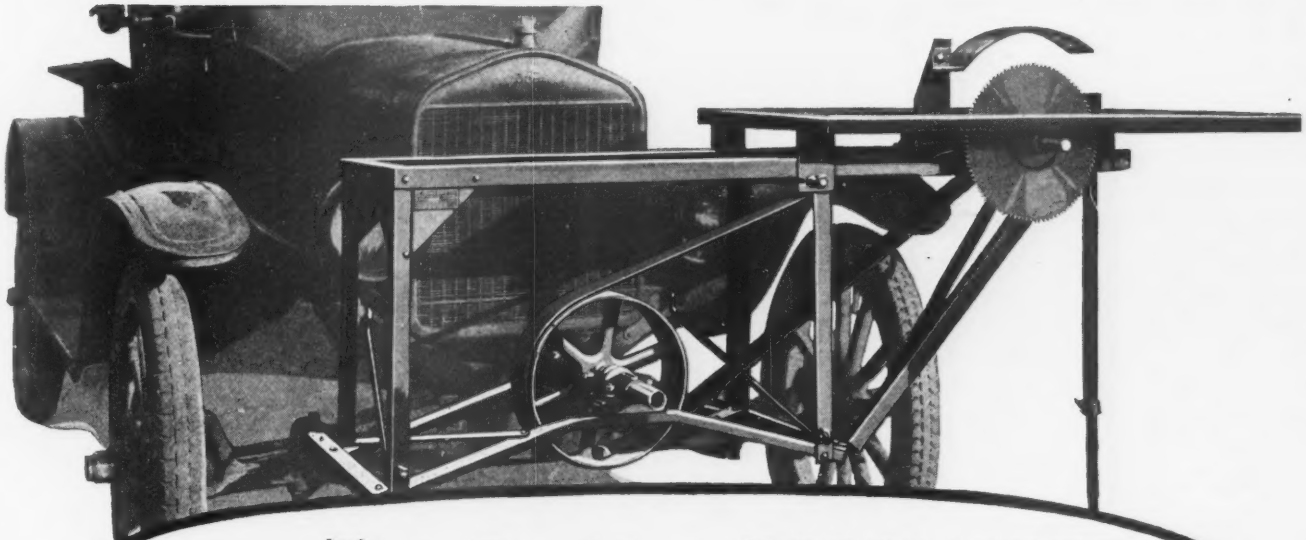
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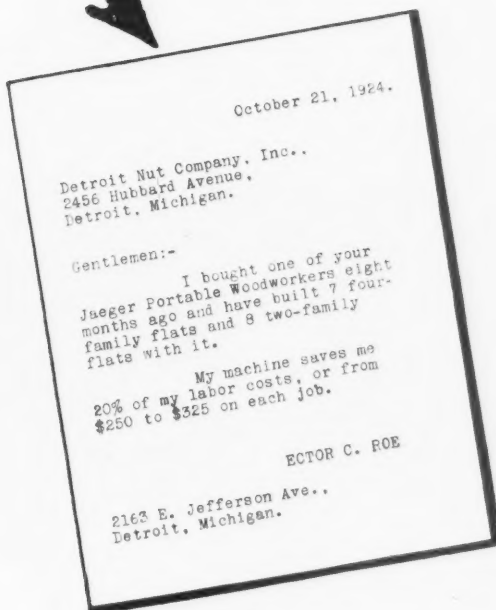
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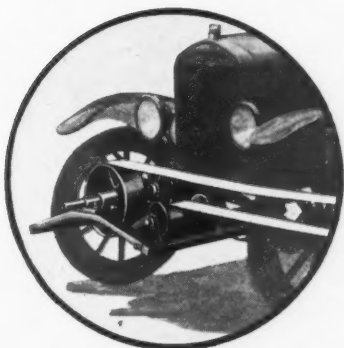
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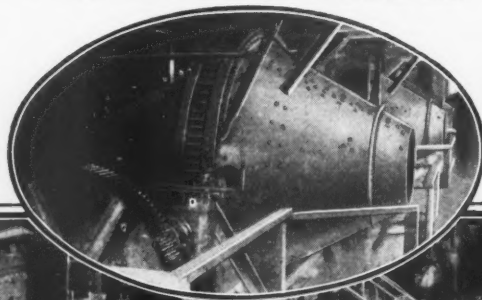
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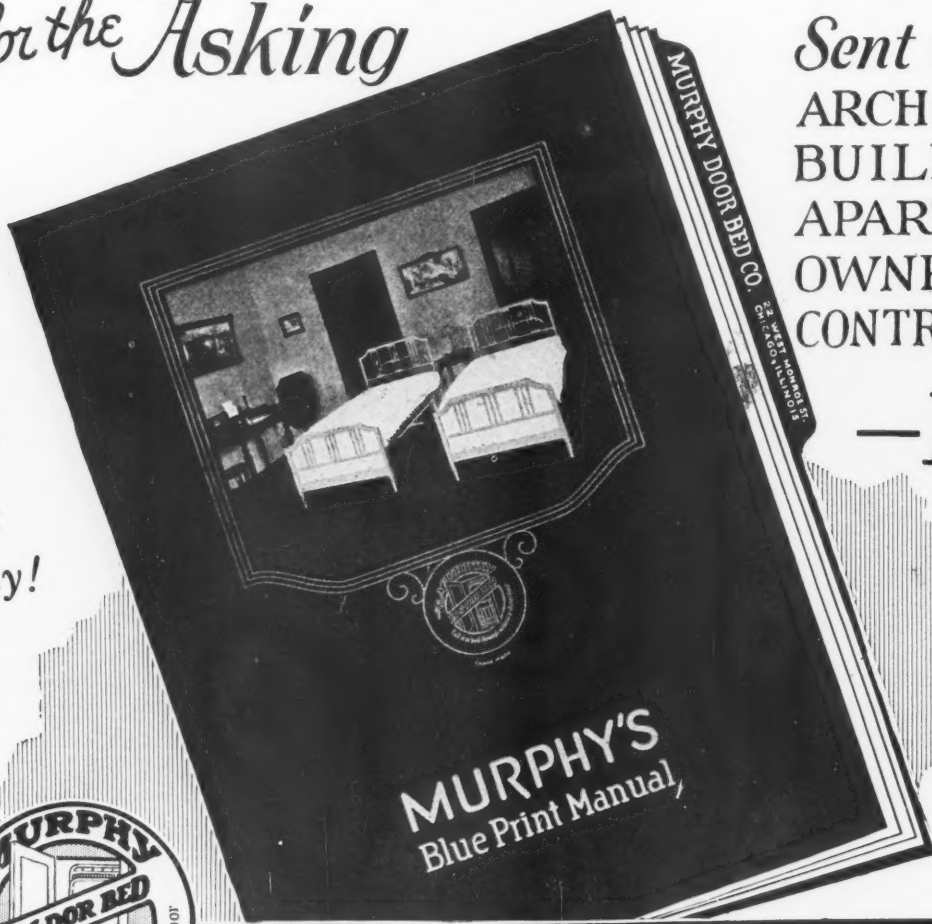
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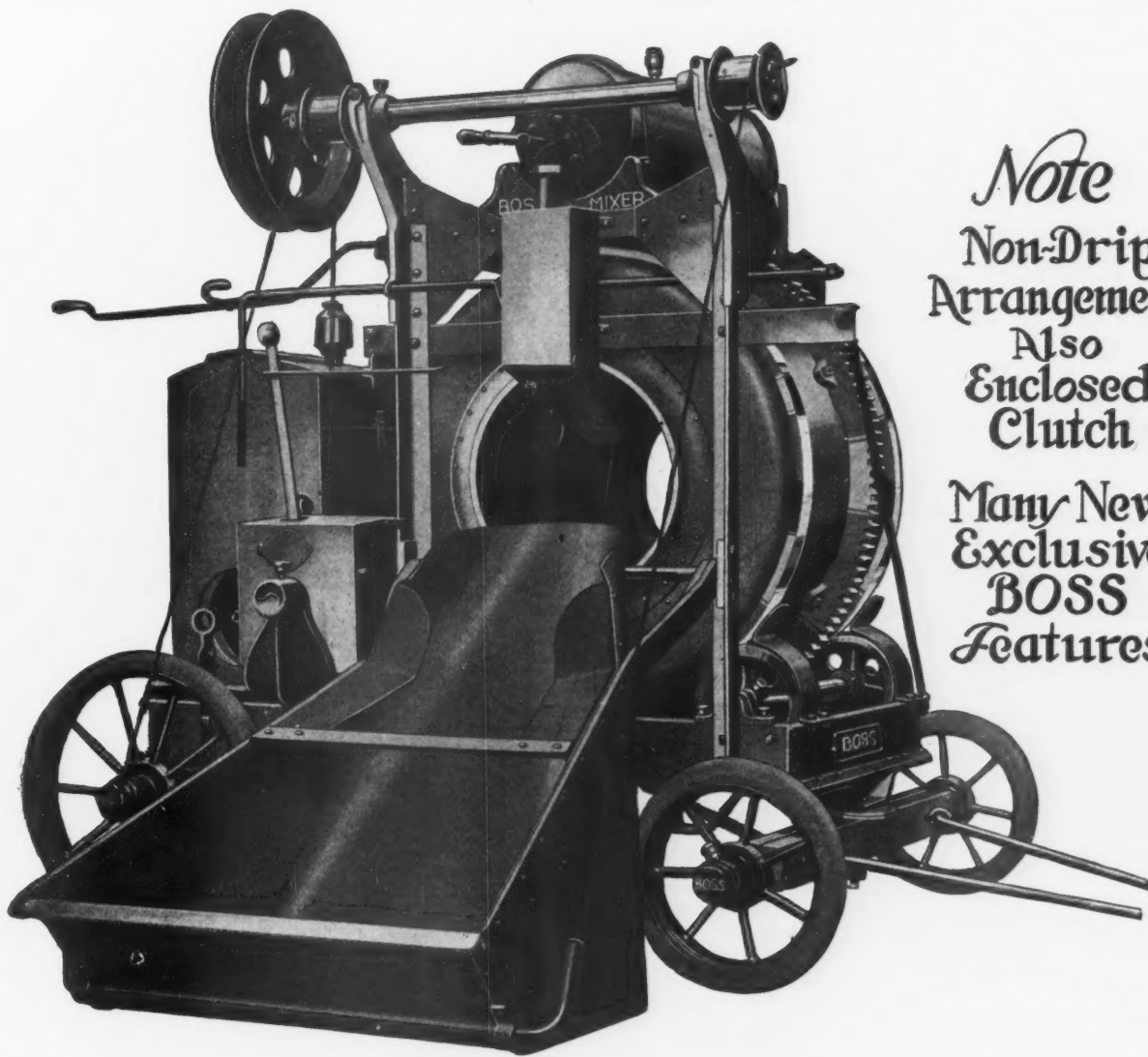
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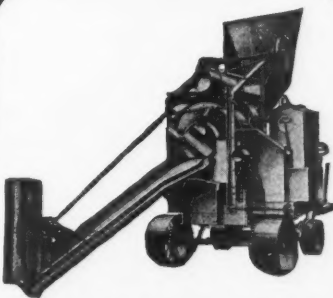
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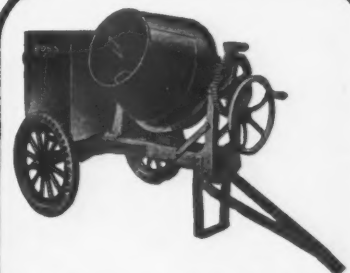
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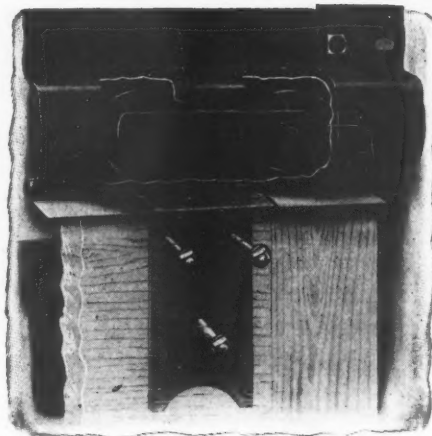
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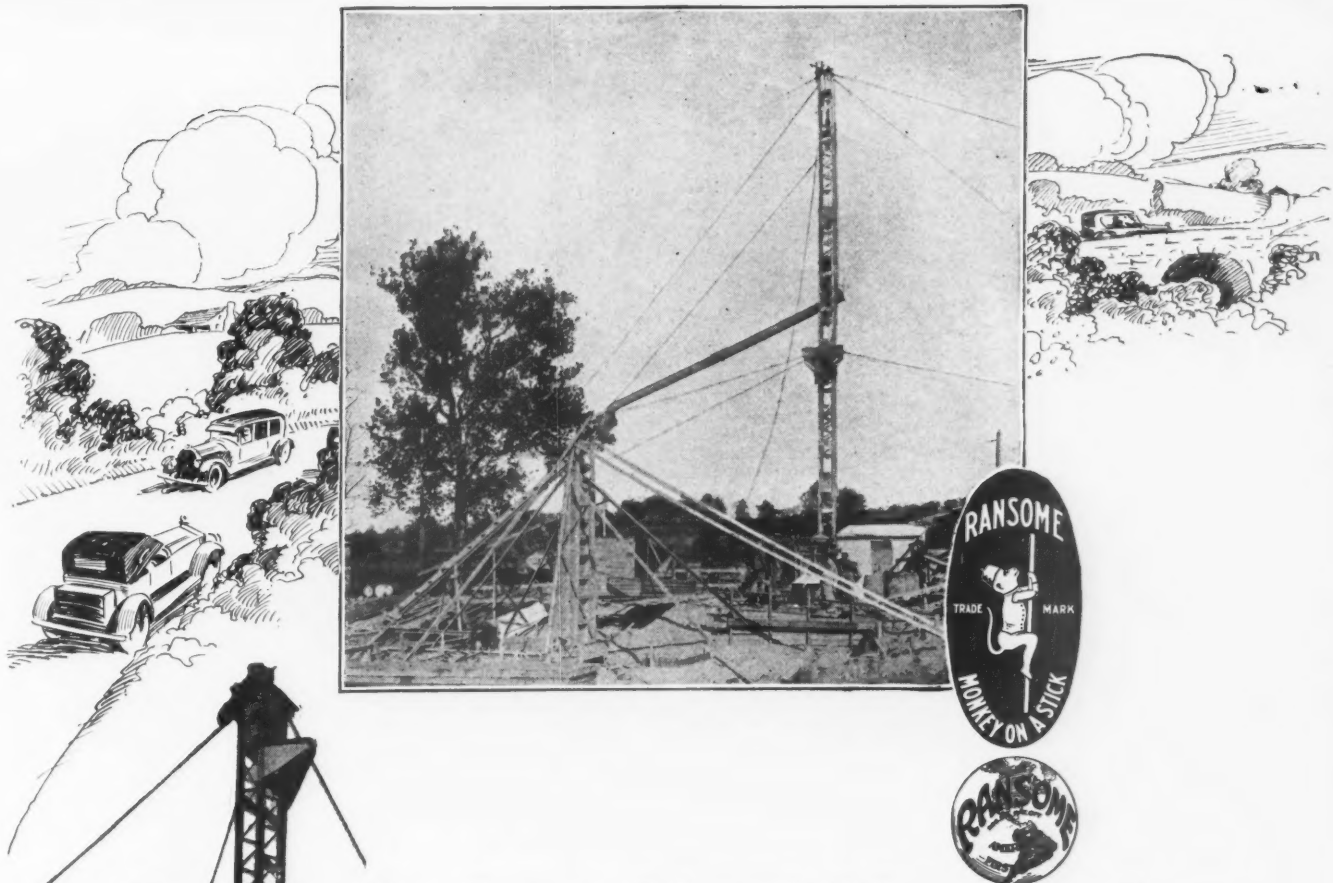
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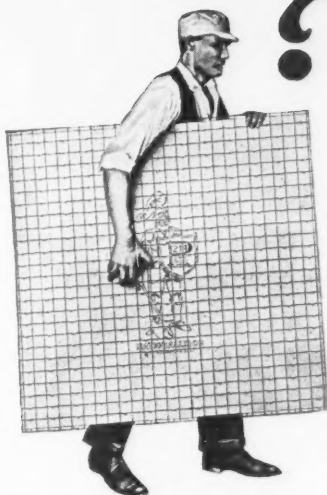
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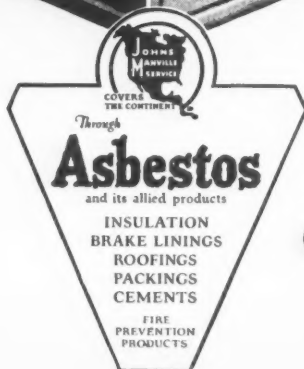
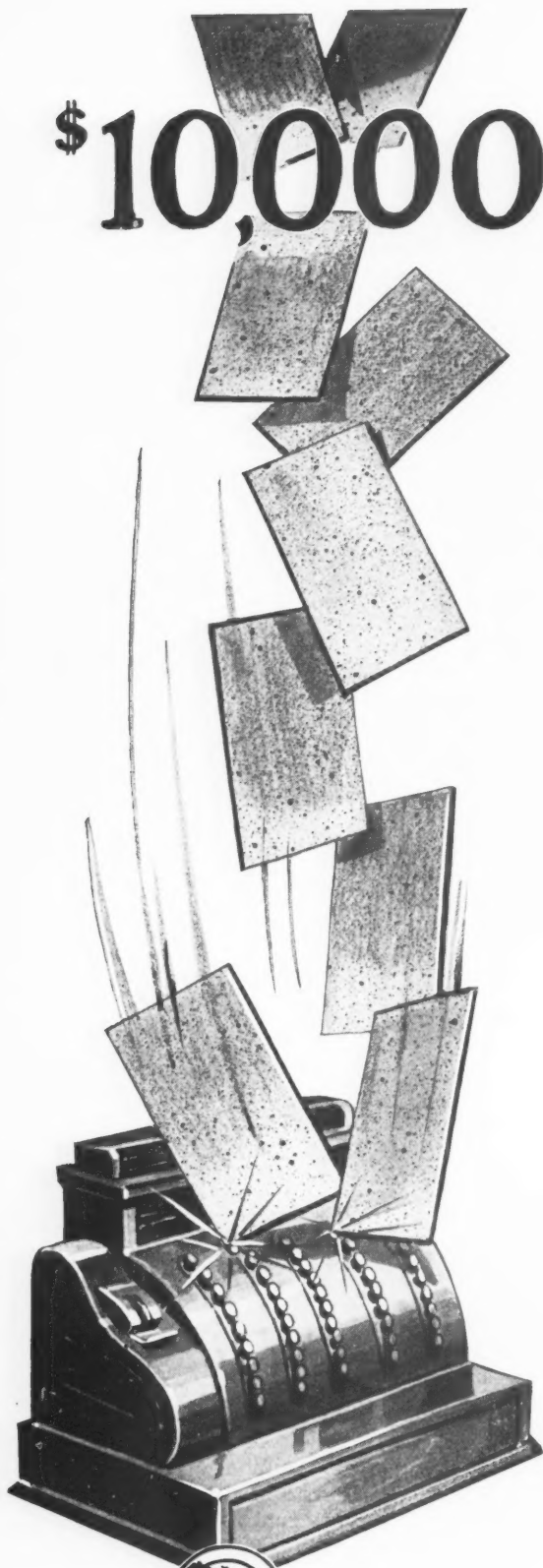
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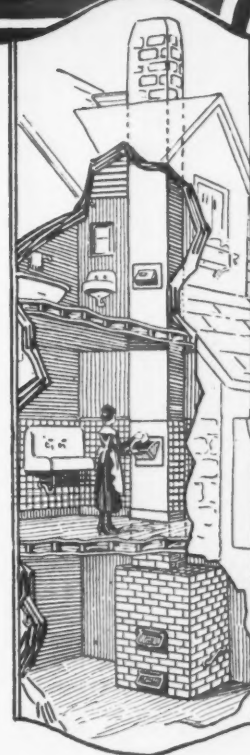
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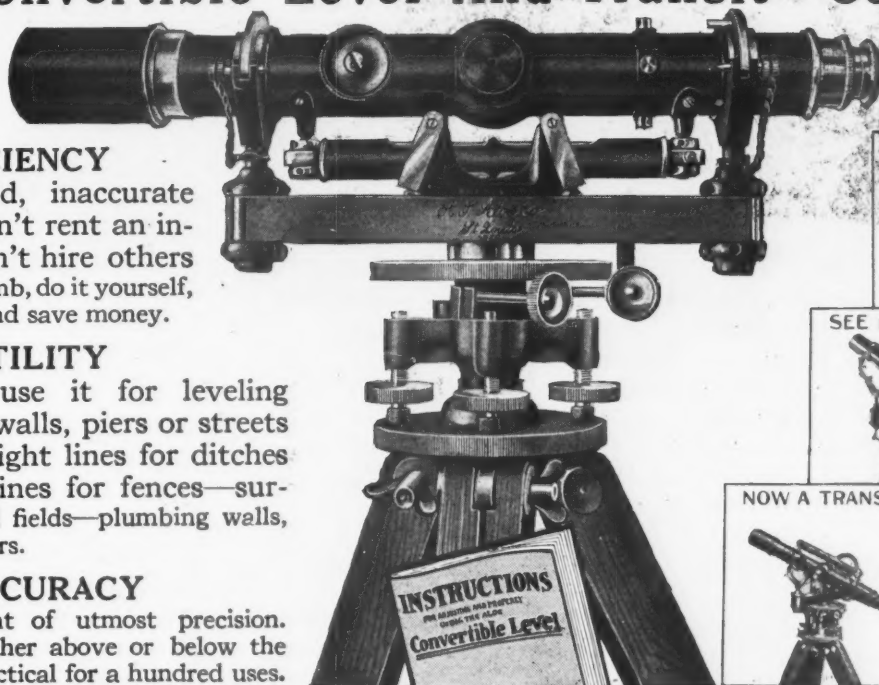
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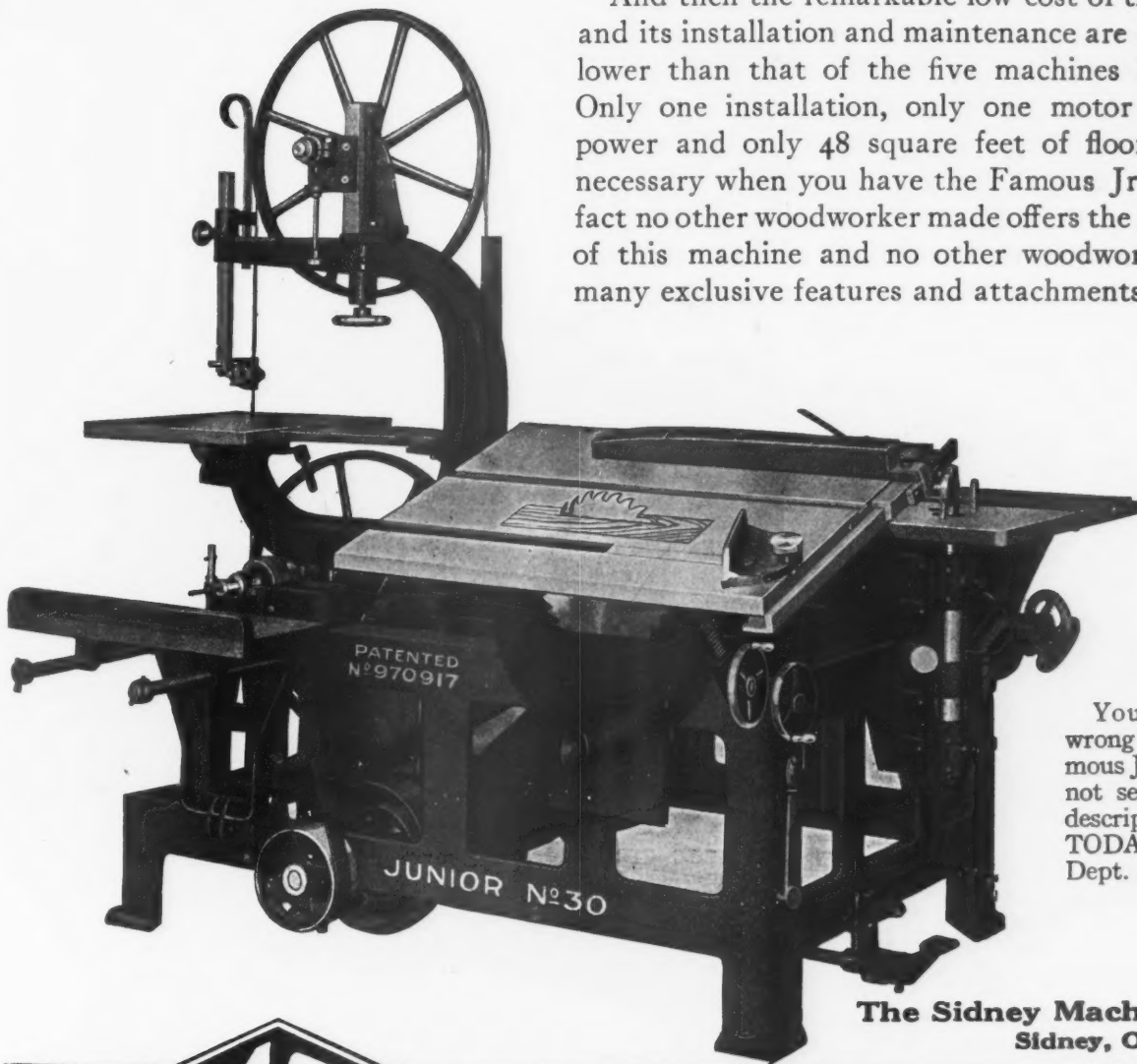
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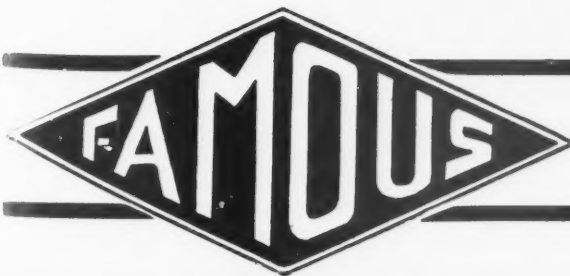
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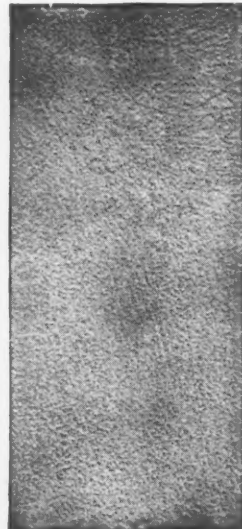
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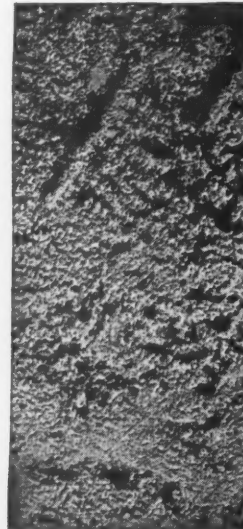
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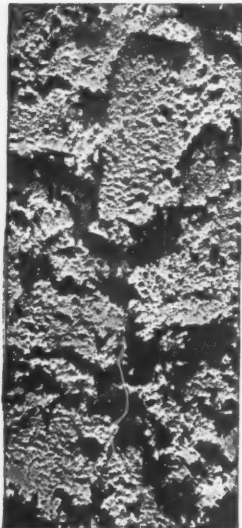
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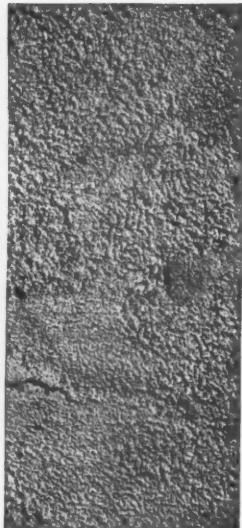
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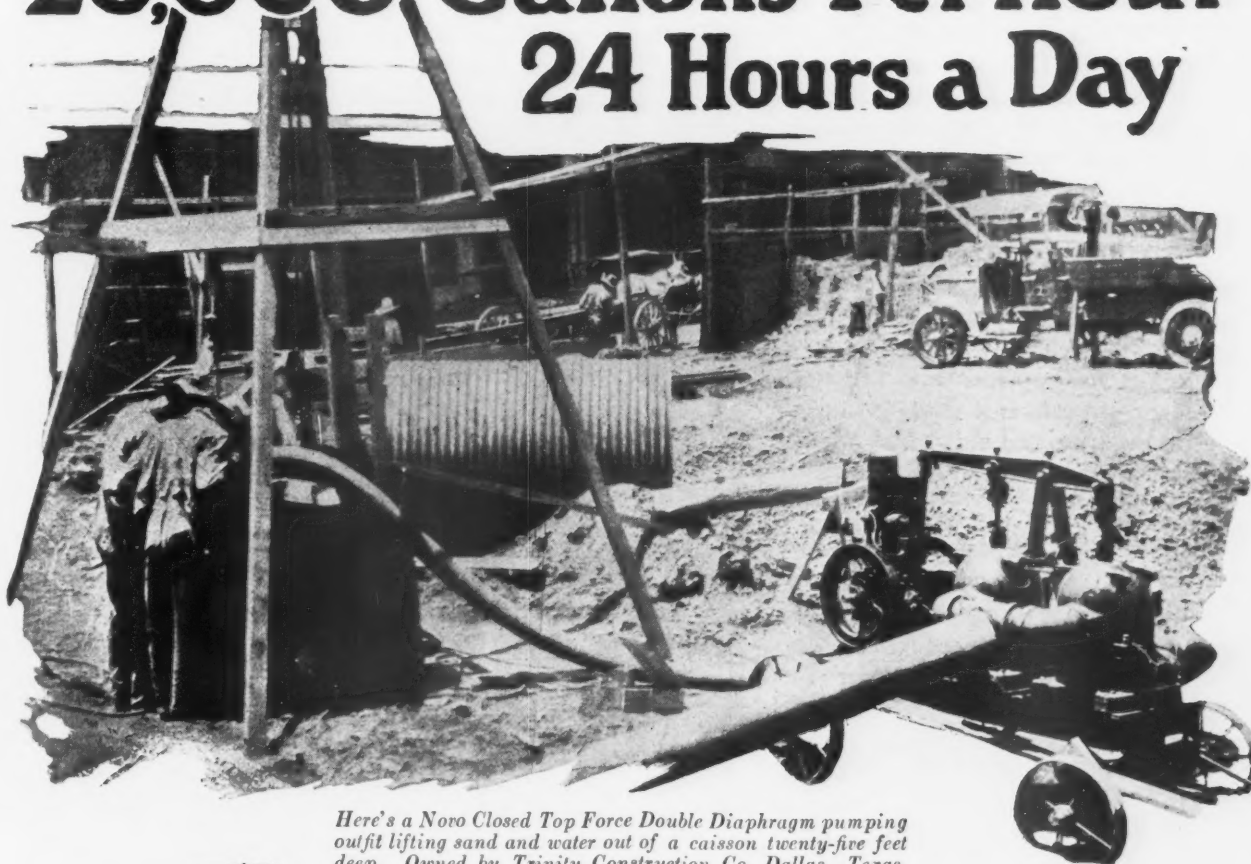
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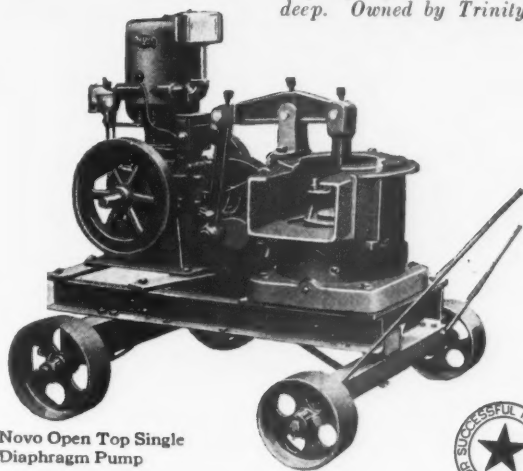
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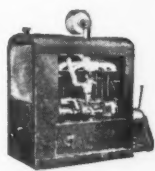
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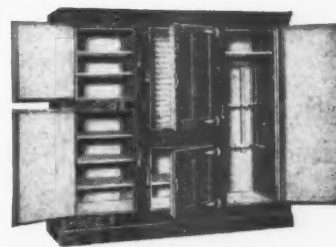
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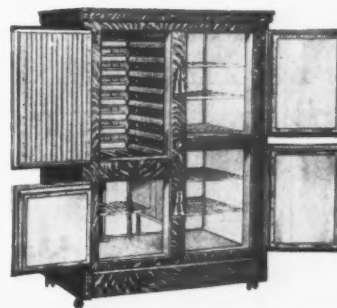
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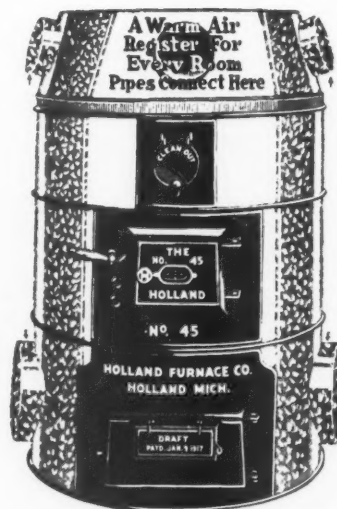
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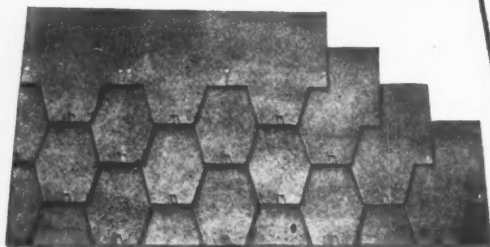
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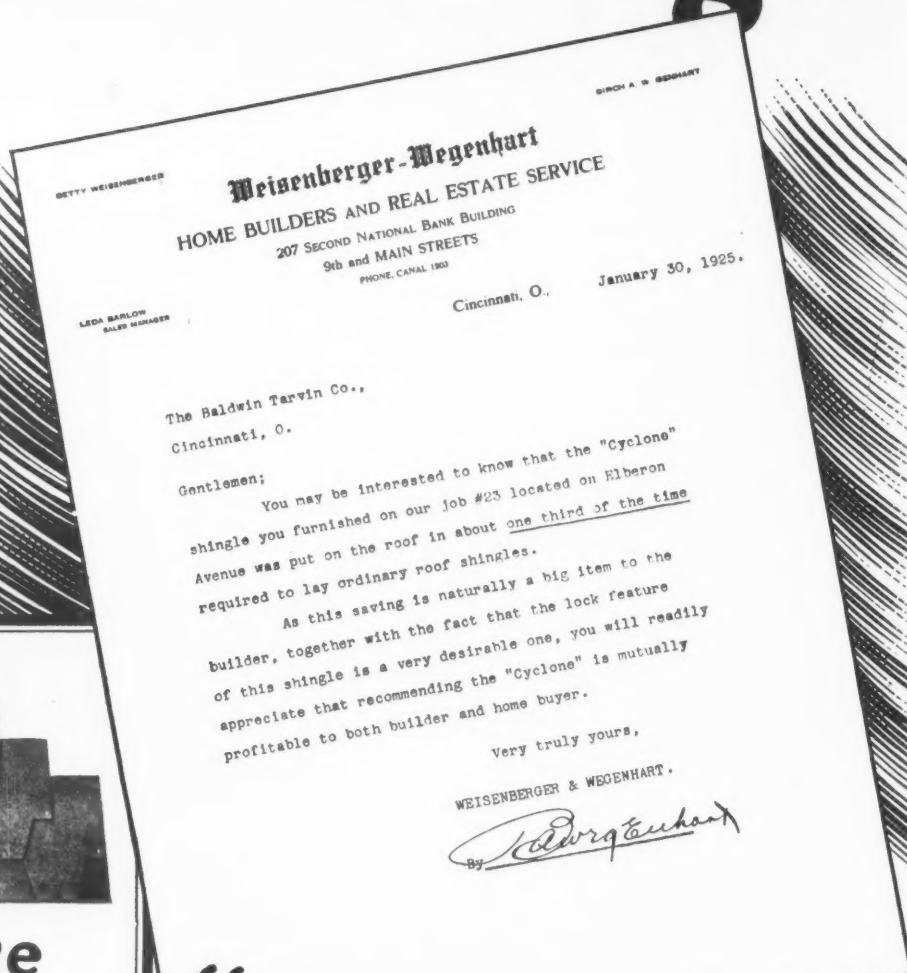


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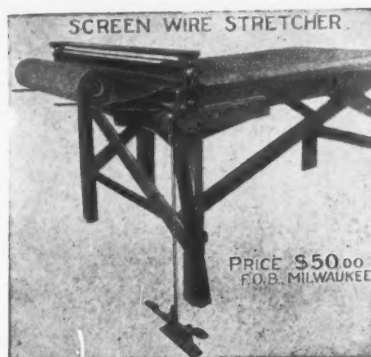
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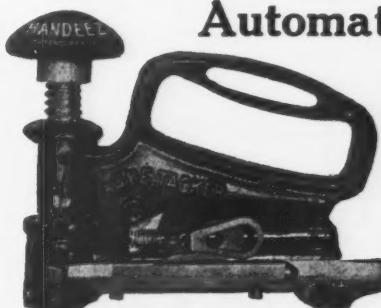
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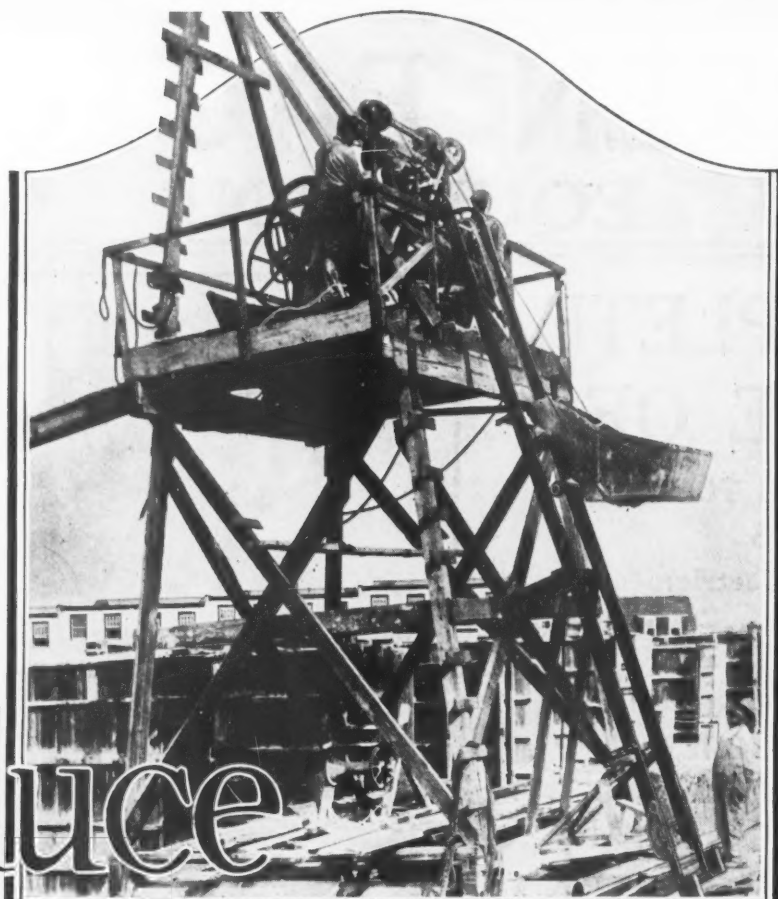
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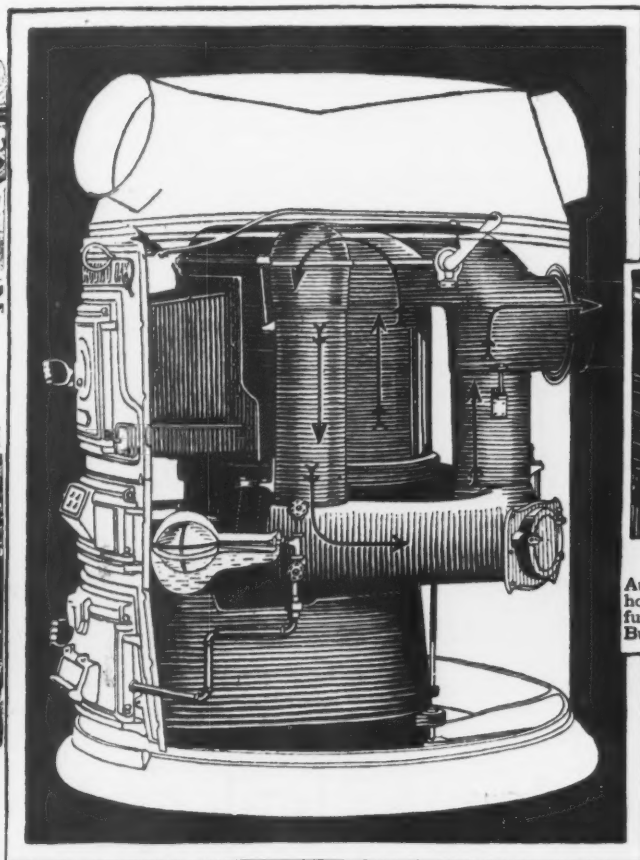
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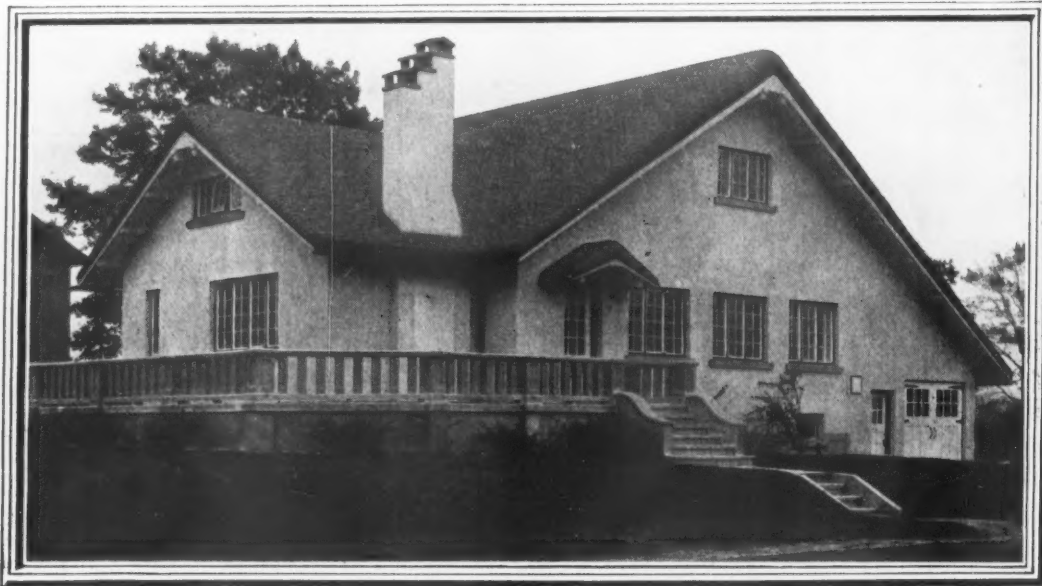
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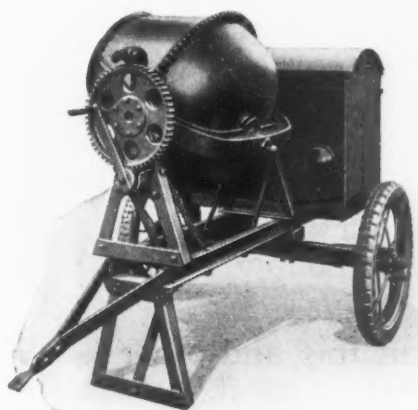
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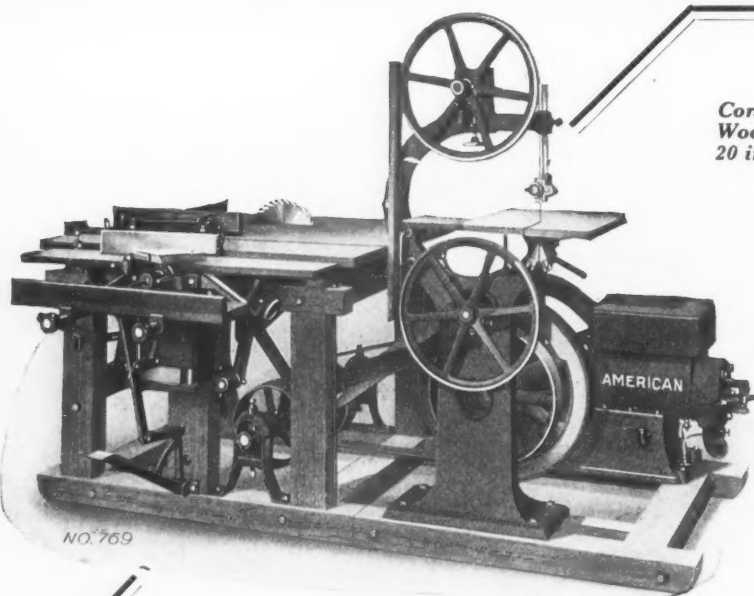
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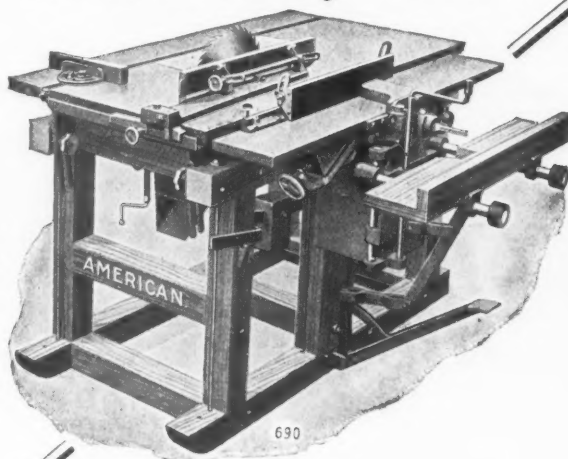
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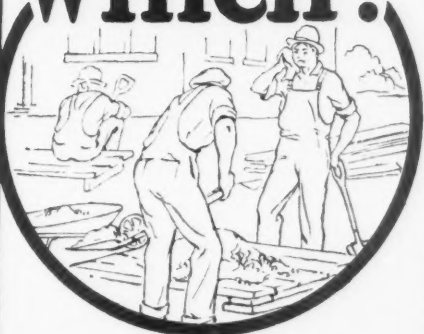
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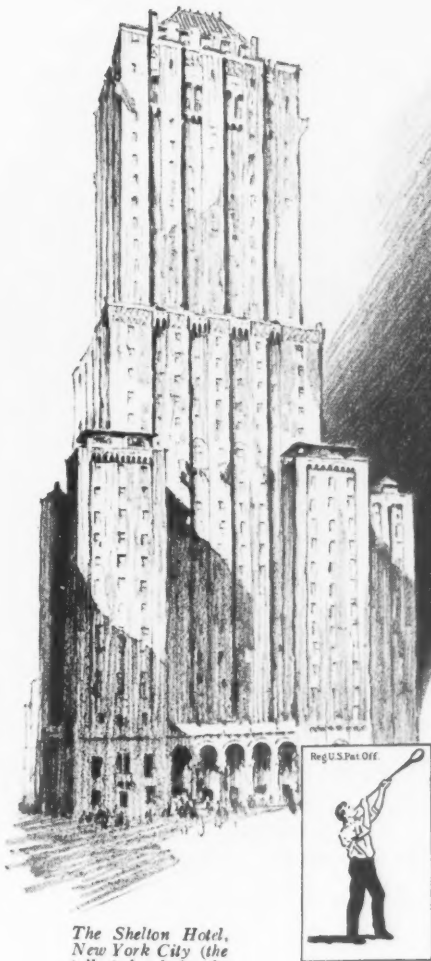
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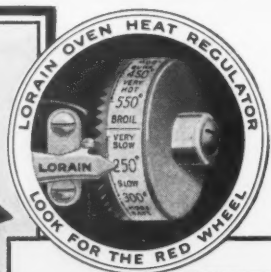
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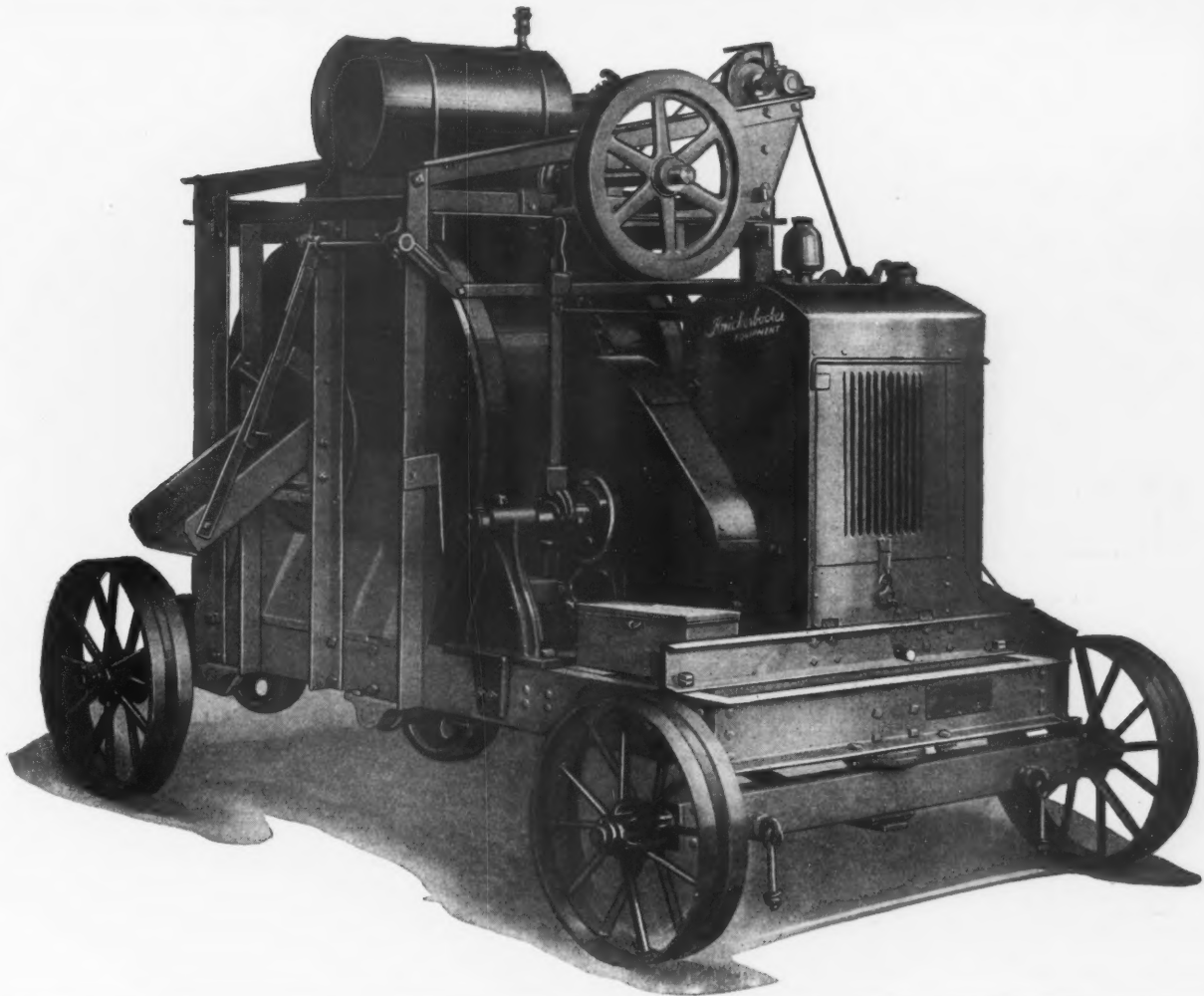
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	Prizes	
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First Prize .....	\$500	\$500
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10 Mentions in each class .....	50 each	50 each

### COMPETITION CLOSING APRIL 15, 1925

Contestants may submit as many designs as they wish in either or both classes. In case of a tie for any of the prizes offered the full amount of the prize tied for will be awarded each tying contestant.

### PURPOSE OF THIS COMPETITION

1. To further encourage a higher standard of design and plan of the average American home, which because of its moderate cost is often built without the benefit of competent individual architectural service. Through the medium of this competition, it is hoped to make available a large variety of architecturally good small house designs in fire-safe construction to meet requirements in all sections of the country.

2. To widely introduce a new form of fire-resisting, permanent and economical construction through the use of Structolite Concrete construction. This is an improved method of fire-resistive construction for **walls, floors, partitions and roof**, adaptable for all classes of residences.

Structolite Concrete is a mixture of Structolite (a form of gypsum possessing great structural strength) with various recommended aggregates to form a rapidly setting mix for pouring monolithic construction. The structural result offers an exceptional combination of high compressive strength and light weight.

### COMPETITION PROGRAM

#### Class A—Five-Room Bungalow

**Plan**—Shall contain living room and dining room (separate or combined); two or three bedrooms; kitchen and bath. Front entrance into hall, vestibule or living room. Service entrance separate. Cellar optional.

**Size**—Including porches and projections, not to exceed 20,000 cubic feet in accordance with measuring system given below.

**Cost**—Not to exceed 50c per cubic foot.

**Exterior Walls**—Must be Structolite Concrete faced with stucco, brick, stone, shingles or siding. Choice absolutely optional.

**Partitions, Floors and Roofs**—Materials optional.

#### Class B—Six-Room, 2-Story Dwelling

**Plan**—Shall contain living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and one or two baths. Front entrance into hall, vestibule or living room. Service entrance separate. Cellar required.

**Size**—Including porches and projections, not to exceed 30,000 cubic feet in accordance with measuring system given below.

**Cost**—Not to exceed 50c per cubic foot.

**Exterior Walls**—Must be Structolite Concrete faced with stucco, brick, stone, shingles or siding. Choice absolutely optional.

**Partitions, Floors and Roofs**—Materials optional.

#### Requirements for Both Classes A and B

With the exception of the exterior walls (which must be planned and specified for Structolite Concrete) all construction and equipment may be optional in accordance with good architectural and building practice.

**Closets**—There shall be one closet for each bedroom, one for linen and one for coats.

**Size of Rooms**—Only one bedroom can be smaller than 120 sq. ft. in area and this one not less than 90 sq. ft. All other room sizes optional.

**Porches**—Optional.

**Measurement of Cubic Footage**—Measurements must be taken from the outside face of exterior walls and from the level of the cellar floor (or from grade where cellar is omitted in bungalows) to the average height of all roofs as measured to a point one half the distance from the highest cornice to the ridge. Porches, if used, are to be figured at one-fourth of their total gross cubage if they project beyond the bearing walls and at full cubage if within the bearing walls, height to be measured from finished grade.

All cubage figures will be carefully checked before submitting to the jury, and plans exceeding the maximum will not be considered.

**Style and Location**—The designer is free to use any style he prefers for either Northern or Southern climates, and location may be corner or inside as no plot plans are required. As Structolite Concrete is a structural material which will take any facing equally well, it is left to the designer's discretion to use for facing any of the following materials, stucco, brick, stone, shingles or siding.

#### Competition Drawing Required

There shall be but one drawing on a sheet of white paper measuring 20x26 inches, with plain black border lines drawn 1 inch from edges, giving a space within the border lines of 18x24 inches. Tracing paper, mounted paper or cardboard prohibited. There should be a pen and ink perspective of the house projected

from a quarter-inch scale plan and without wash or color. The principal floor plans shall be drawn at a scale of 8 feet to the inch. A detail of one exterior feature shall be shown and a small vertical section giving ceiling and roof heights.

The plans must be blacked in solid and accompanied by a graphic scale. On the plan each room shall be named and dimensions given in clear lettering large enough to be easily legible.

Each kitchen plan must show the location of range, sink and cupboard. **A separate service entry is required in which the ice box shall be located.**

In a space enclosed with border line give computation of cubage figures, and notes suggesting exterior color scheme, stating briefly material selected for facing and roofing. All figures and notes to be made large enough to permit of a three-quarter reduction.

The drawings shall be in black ink; the presentation should be simple and the plans drawn clearly because of their future use in published form for the public. The drawings shall be titled—

Design for a Six-Room Structolite Concrete House  
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and signed by a nom de plume or device. It should be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing the nom de plume and containing the true name and address of the contestant. Drawings may be delivered flat or rolled, packed to prevent creasing or crushing. (Deliver to Structolite Concrete Competition, care of The Architectural Forum, 383 Madison Avenue, New York.) **Must be received on or before April 15th, 1925.** Drawings submitted in this competition are at owner's risk from the time they are sent until returned although reasonable care will be exercised in their handling and keeping.

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Prize drawings will be published in The Architectural Forum. It is a condition of this competition that each contestant who is awarded a prize or mention, or whose design is selected for publication, agrees to prepare, if requested, in accordance with standard regulations to be given later, a set of working drawings on tracing cloth together with specifications covering his design. These working drawings and specifications shall bear the name of the designer as architect and become the property of United States Gypsum Company. If working drawings and specifications are required, reasonable payment will be made to the designer for such work at an amount to be agreed upon plus a royalty for every sale of a set of his plans by United States Gypsum Company.

#### Jury

The designs will be judged by three or five members of the architectural profession, representing different sections of the country. The jury will give consideration to the following points:

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- Practicability of construction.
- Domestic efficiency of plan arrangement.

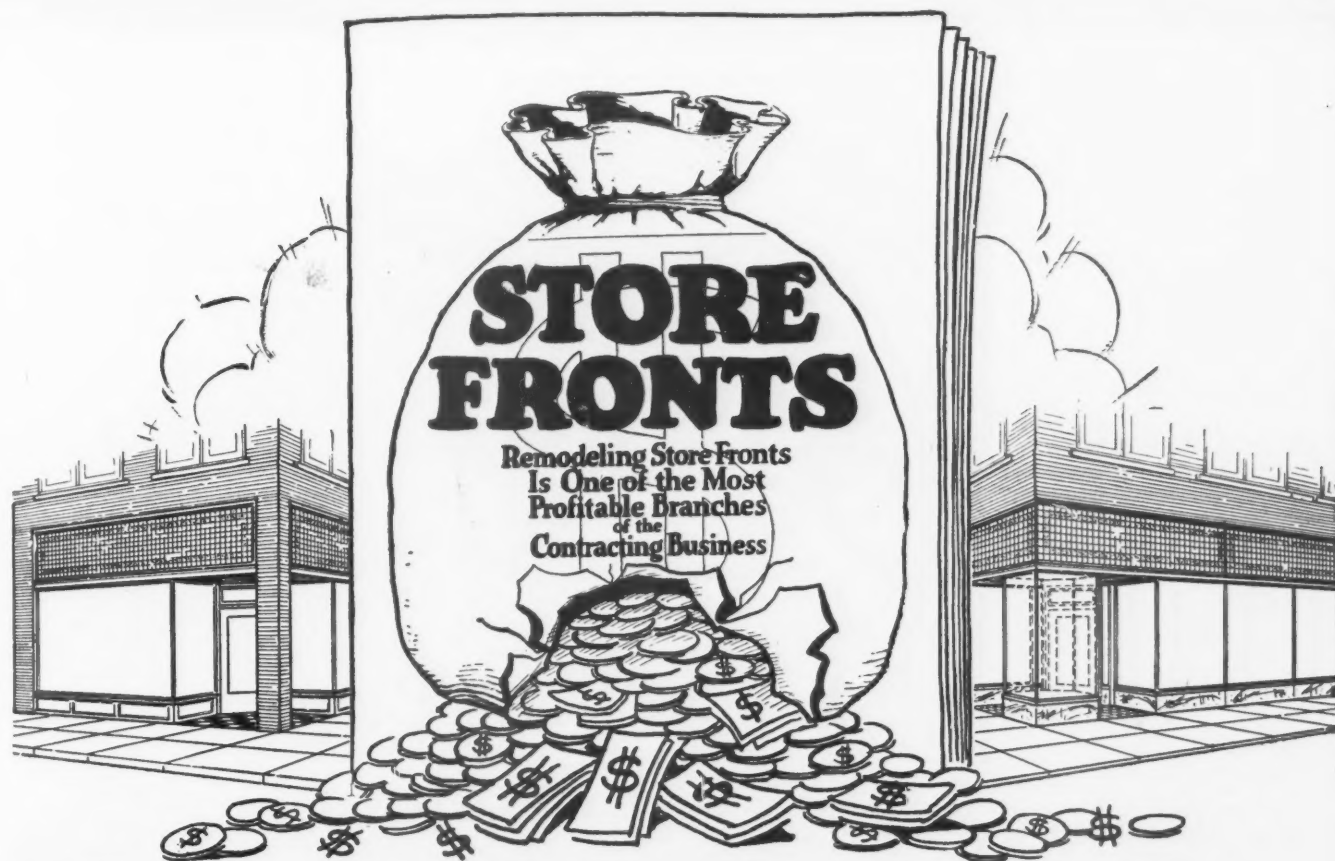
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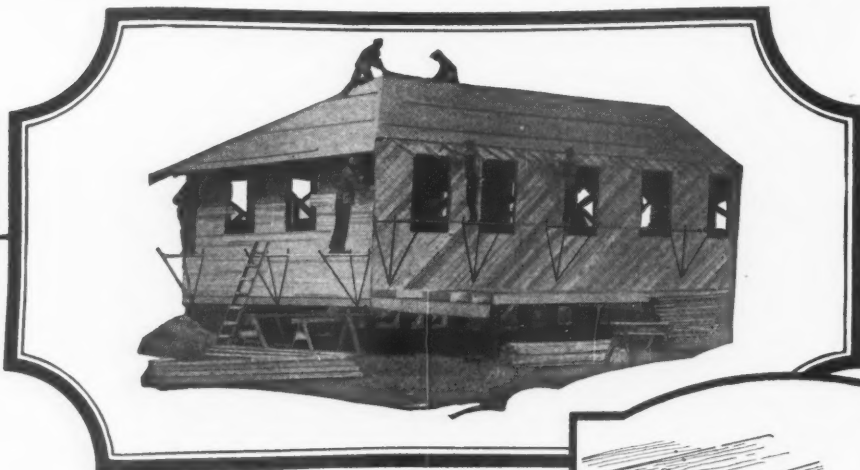
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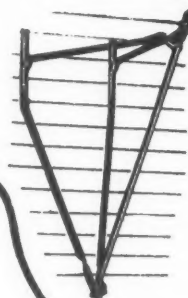
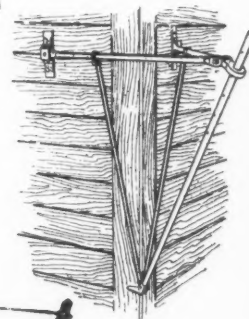
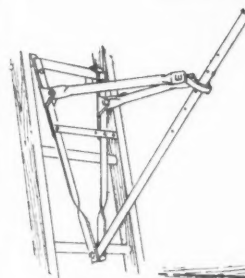
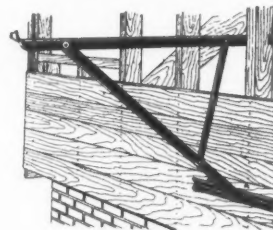
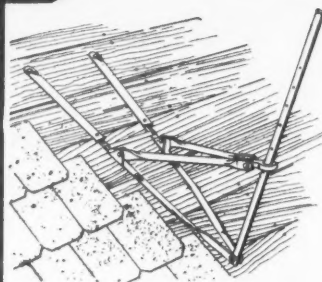
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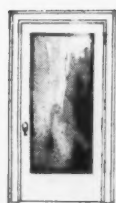
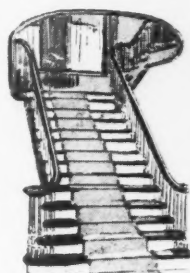
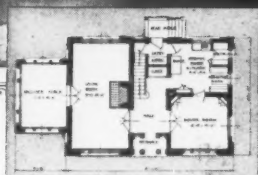
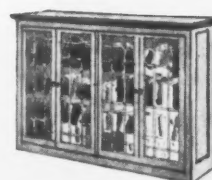
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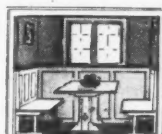
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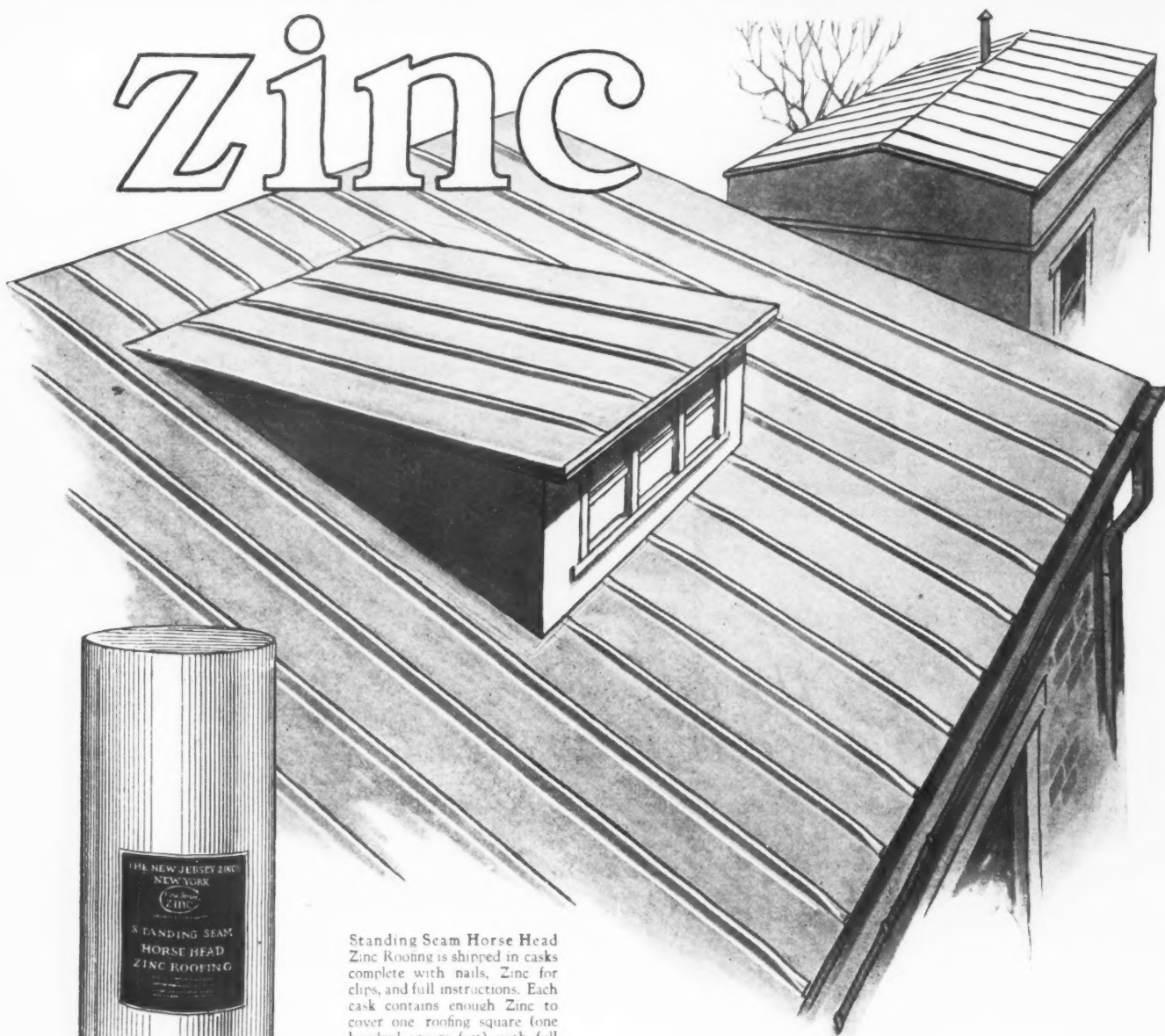
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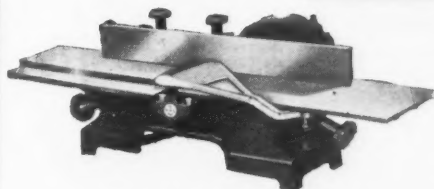
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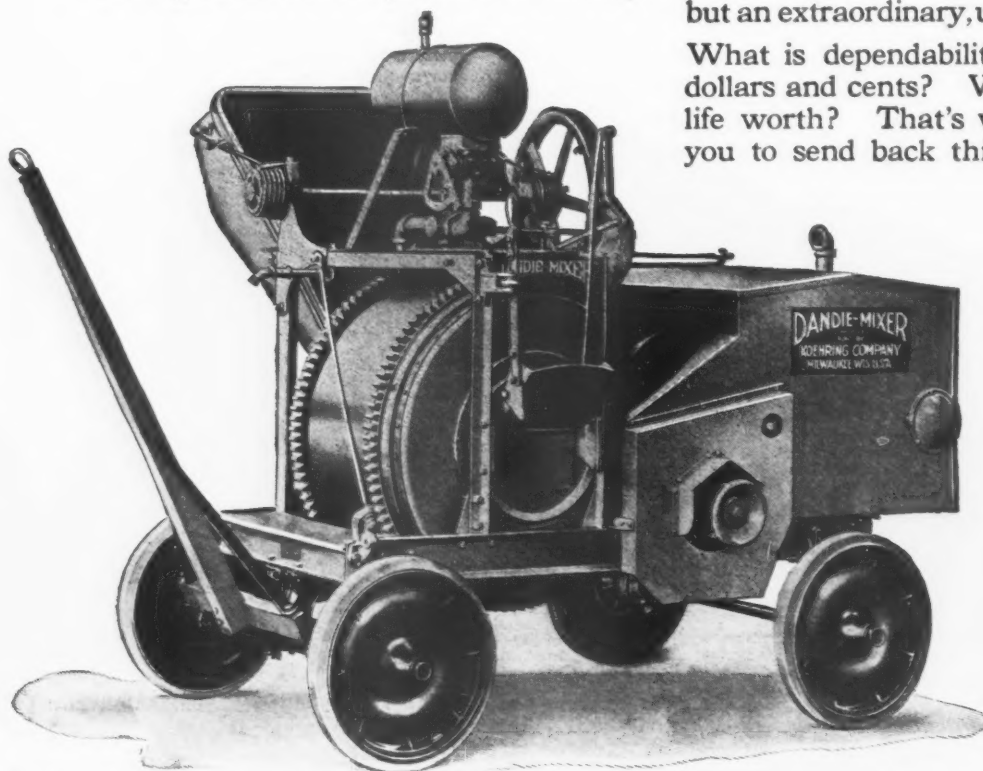
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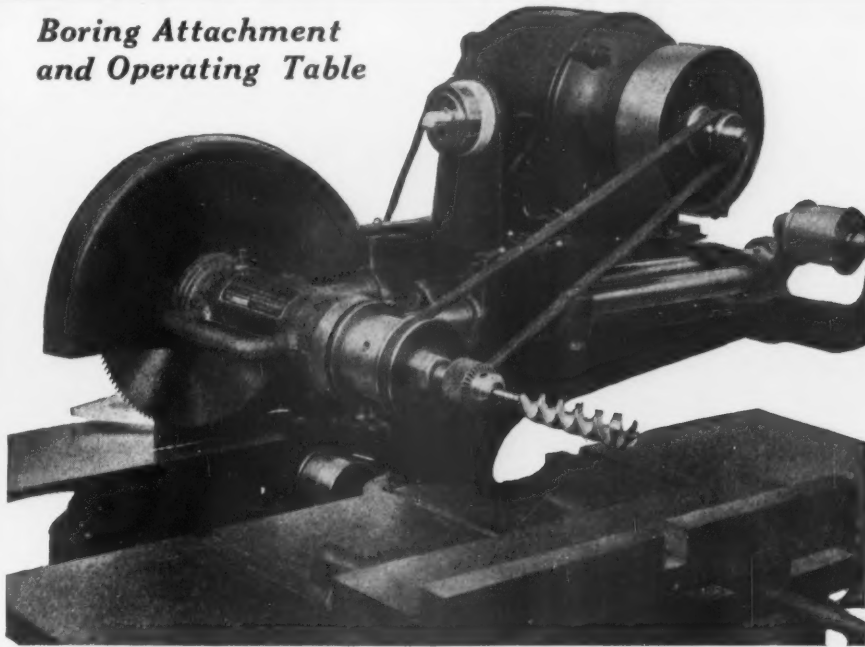
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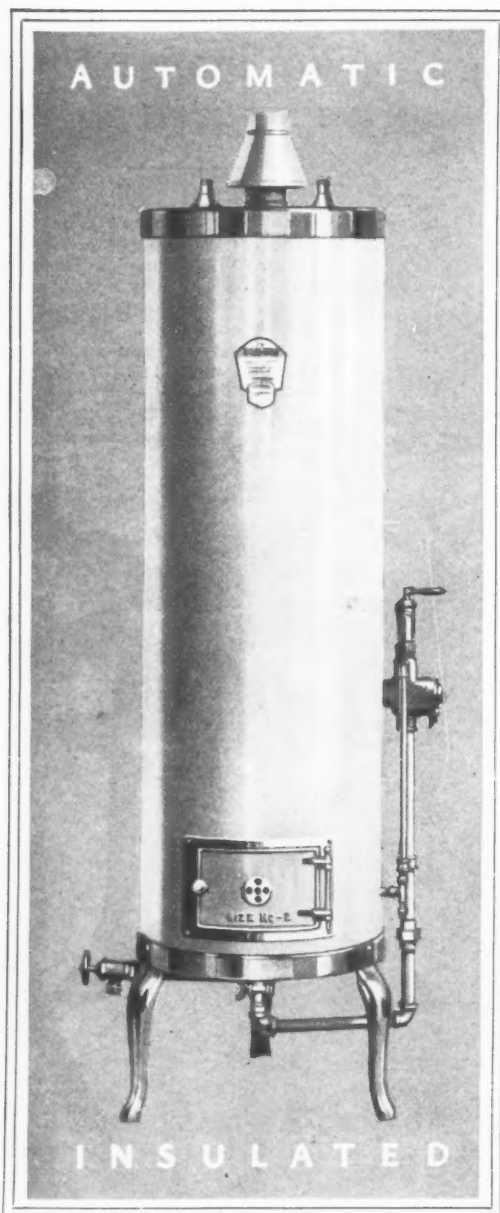
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# HOW TO ADVERTISE BUILDING SUPPLIES

The advertising of building supplies presents a greater problem than that of any other merchandise because there are so many different groups which influence the sale.

Other merchandise usually goes from the maker to the jobber, to the dealer, to the consumer and at each step a purchase is made. But with building supplies one must first persuade architects and contractors together with a half dozen more groups before he can always be certain his merchandise will flow through the channels of distribution.

The combined circulation of the five publications in which our clients are using color advertising reaches the leaders in the following groups:

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Manufacturers and Industrial Users  
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Realtors  
Students  
Wholesalers

By advertising to the leaders in these different groups and using full color once each month, our clients are making the maximum impression on the entire field at the minimum expense.

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Andersen Lumber Company  
Bayport, Minnesota

# *Andersen* **FRAMES**





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Now when building a house, it has been customary to make the interior walls of plaster for two reasons; first, to give a solid background for decoration, and, second, for sound and heat insulation. It may not be generally known, but usually a sound-proof room is well heat-insulated.

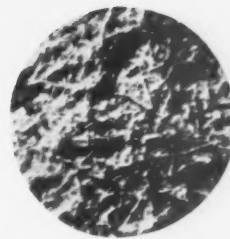
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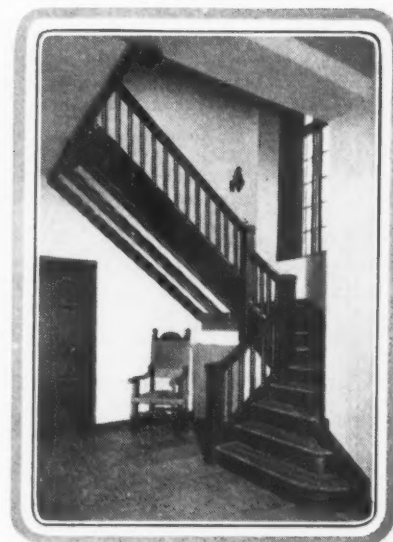
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**Curtis Stair—C-912**

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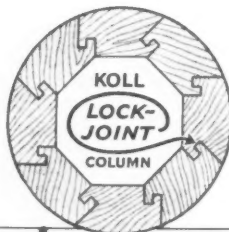


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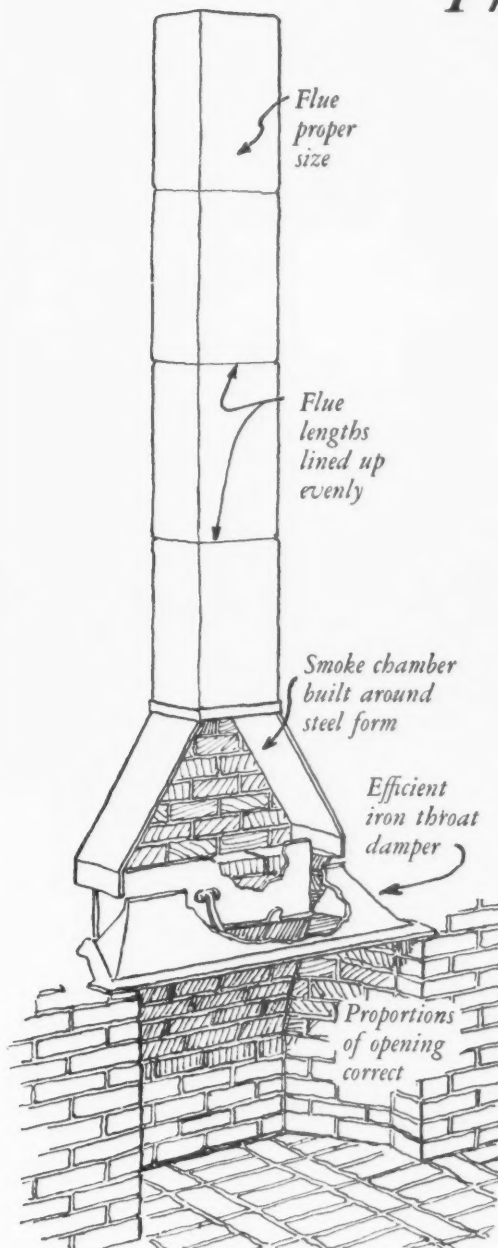
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# WHAT DOES FIREPLACE SUCCESS DEPEND UPON?

## *Proportioning the fireplace opening—*



THE opening of the fireplace has a great deal to do with the actual amount of heat which is thrown out into the room, as well as the efficient working of the fireplace.

If the fireplace is too deep, the sides will cut off considerable heat radiation, and if too shallow, the smoke is likely to find its way out into the room.

After extensive experimenting it has been determined that a depth of 18 inches at the hearth is ample in fireplaces up to 48 inches in width, and 20 to 24 inches for wider fireplaces.

Splayed sides make the back of the fireplace narrower than the front and give the fireplace the shape of a reflector, thereby throwing out into the room a maximum of heat. This splay should be about 5 inches to the foot.

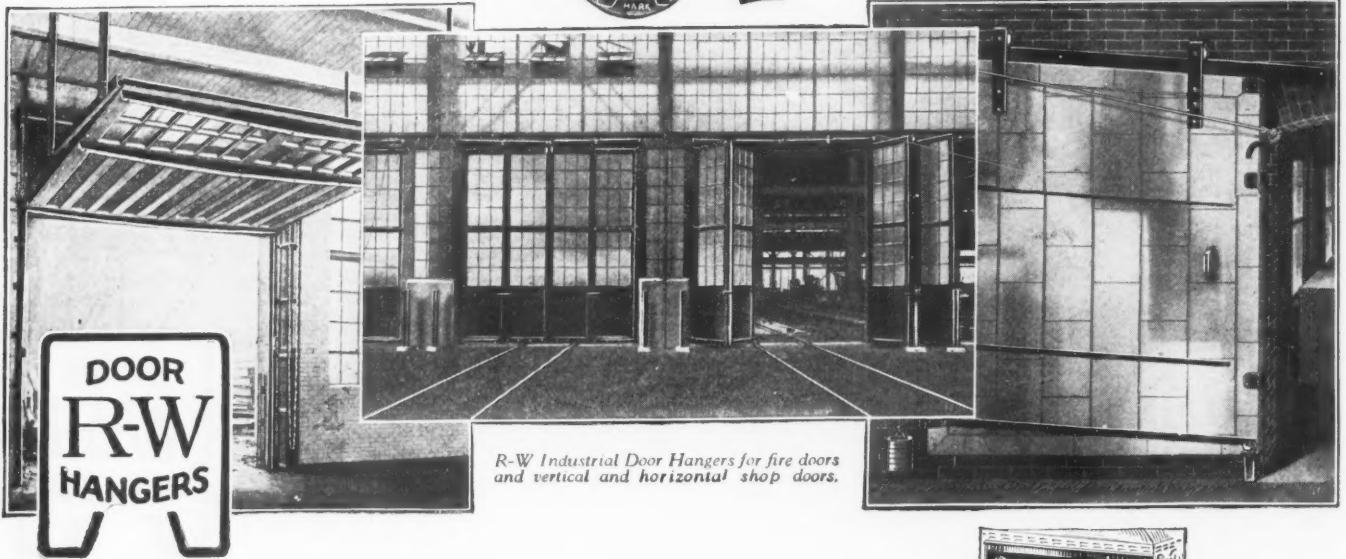
The height of a fireplace should not be greater than the width, and 30 inches is ample for fireplaces up to 48 inches wide. For higher fireplaces 32 to 34 inches is sufficient. When the architecture of a room demands that the height of a fireplace be greater than the width it is best to get in touch with the H. W. Covert Company and have a plan drawn up by our service department.

Curving the back of a fireplace should be avoided, as this is likely to throw the smoke out into the room. It is safer to run the brickwork up straight three courses and then slant the back forward in a straight line to meet the rear of the damper.

*This is the first of a series on "Successful Fireplaces," and if you will send us your name and address we shall gladly forward to you a complete set of the series*

**The H. W. COVERT COMPANY, 137 East 46th Street, New York City**



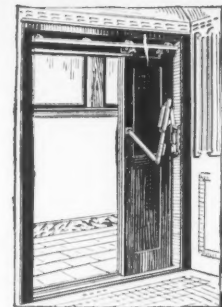


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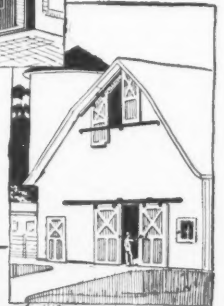
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*Carney is the perfected cement for brick and tile mortar.*

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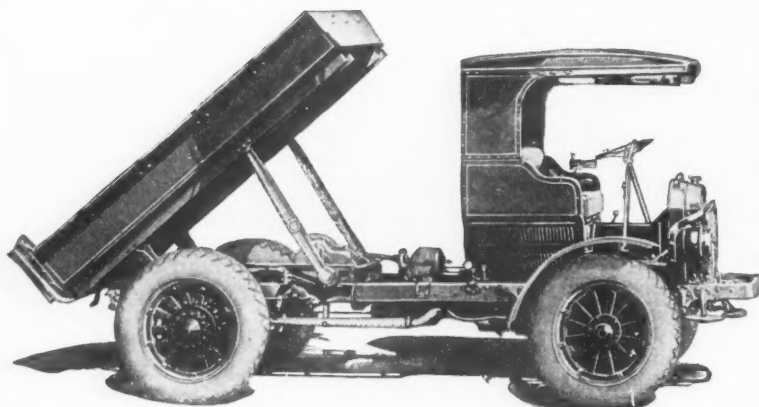


WRIGLEY BUILDING, CHICAGO, ILL.

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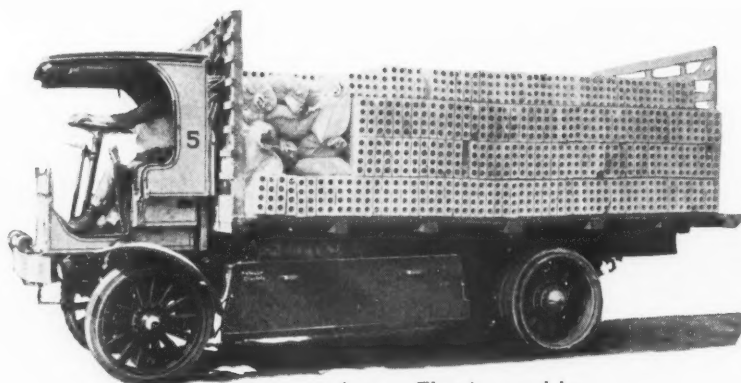
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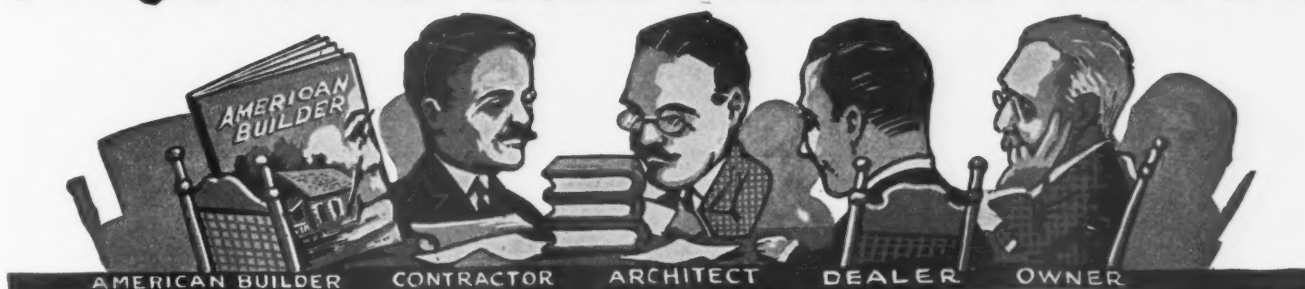
# Autocar

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# AROUND THE FAMILY TABLE



## We Yield to Your Wishes

And Change Date of 1925 Annual from April to June

**S**INCE making the announcement last month on this page that April had been picked for this year's Annual Reference Number, similar to the Big June Number of last year, we have been deluged with many letters of protest. Both subscribers and advertisers seem to prefer the June date of issue, the same as last year.

We are accordingly postponing two months the Big Reference Number for 1925 and will issue it as our Big June Number, the same as heretofore.

We are very glad to yield to the wishes of the majority in this matter.

Several facts have been pointed out since the announcement of last month which are really important and should control the date of issue of the Annual Number.

*In the first place*, the 1924 Annual of last June is still in active use in thousands of offices where it is being referred to constantly as a book of reference and a buyers' guide. It would be unfair to this great book to cut short in any way its effective life. It should have—our friends and advisors have pointed out—a full twelve months, June to June, without interference from any other similar volume.

The reference data in the 1924 Annual, and, in fact, in every issue of the AMERICAN BUILDER is of permanent value and does not go out of date. We know personally of hundreds of instances where copies of the AMERICAN BUILDER five and ten years old are still in active use.

Nevertheless there is always the tendency to use the most recent issue of the AMERICAN BUILDER in preference to an older one. So the general feeling seems to be that the Big June Issue of 1924 should have its full year of first choice circulation and use.

*Then, furthermore*, it has been pointed out that June is the most desirable date of issue from a business building point of view. The spring building activity is always assured. There is never any question about the building industry having all it can possibly do in

April and the other spring months. However, along in the summer sometimes the work falls off and a mid-summer dullness develops. A magazine of unusual interest, size and importance issued in June will go a long way to stimulate building activity and keep things going.

If our readers will use this New Big June Issue of this year the same as they did last to go out and interest prospective owners, there will be no let-up in building activity throughout 1925.

The monthly records of building activity last year show a remarkable steadiness of volume right through the summer and into the fall and winter building seasons. This fine record has been largely attributed to the effective work which was done by our outstanding June Issue of last year in the hands of the 85,000 active and aggressive men of the building industry who made such effective use of it all through the year.

### Accordingly the 1925 Annual Number Will Be Issued June 1st.

It will be a book of more than six hundred pages, bound in special strength covers for long life and beautifully lithographed in four colors and gold. Our artists have produced a painting which surpasses that of last June in human appeal, strength and attractiveness. Our editors, architects and special writers are at work on additional features that will add greatly to the value of this 1925 Annual Number.

Printing orders have been placed for 85,000 copies, but it begins to look as though this would not be enough and the edition may have to be still further enlarged. We do not want any of our friends to be disappointed in getting their June magazine, so if you are on the regular mailing list make sure that your subscription is fully paid up to include June, or if you are in the habit of buying the AMERICAN BUILDER on the news-stand, better place your order now and have the news dealer lay your copy aside for you, as at only 35c each these big books will very soon be snapped up, and the dealers will have only a very limited supply.

You will notice from the statement on the front cover this month that the AMERICAN BUILDER circulation is steadily growing. We are up to 82,000 now. Considering this, the 85,000 planned for June will scarcely be enough. Better write and tell us if you think we will need more, and we will wire the mill to ship us a few more carloads of paper.

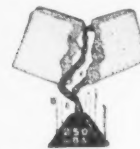
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Res. of James Gilmore, Esq., Reg. Arch. Cincinnati, Ohio, Bishopric Ivory Cream Stucco over Bishopric Base on all exteriors.

## Stucco walls of greater strength

Ordinary Stucco      Bishopric Stucco



The enormous tensile strength of Bishopric Stucco is illustrated here. This is just one of the Bishopric guarantees of permanence on the wall.

# How Bishopric provides lasting beauty and protection

Rare beauty of shade and texture, with permanent protection from the elements are exclusive Bishopric qualities that are being appreciated more and more by those interested in home-building. BISHOPRIC is a super-stucco with greatly increased strength, thus providing durability and protection so vital to every building, whether it be large or small. In Bishopric only can be obtained the wide variety of beautiful shades and textures now demanded by those who appreciate the best. With Bishopric, beauty and protection go hand in hand.

Tensile strength tests show BISHOPRIC far superior to other stuccoes.

BISHOPRIC is fireproof, magnesia rock used is the same as that used to line furnaces and smelters — Tremendous heat has no effect on it.

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In mansion or bungalow, Bishopric Stucco has a place, whether laid over stately lines or designed after those quaint cottage effects, now so popular.

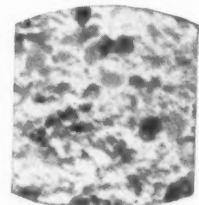
Bishopric Stucco endures in every clime, retaining its strength and its original color in temperatures of either extreme. Economical in original cost, negligible in upkeep, warm in winter and cool in summer, BISHOPRIC STUCCO over BISHOPRIC BASE not only wins friends but keeps them. And no wonder, for it yields itself to any form and endures from generation unto generation.

An interesting booklet "Bishopric For All Time and Clime," illustrated with photographs of beautiful houses built with Bishopric Stucco, plaster and sheathing units will be mailed you Free.

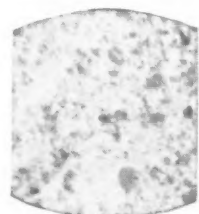
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Ordinary Stucco



The average stucco being marketed today is extremely porous and therefore NOT WATER-PROOF. Notice the spongy porous formation in this enlargement and compare the density of Bishopric shown below.



Bishopric Stucco

# BISHOPRIC STUCCO *over* BISHOPRIC BASE

*"A Complete Wall Unit for all Time and Clime"*

# Are Easier Payments Desirable in Building Field?

**S**ALES of luxuries, such as automobiles, pianos, phonographs, furs, jewelry, radio and many others, have been enormously stimulated by deferred payment plans. It is a matter of record that over four million automobiles were sold during 1923 and 90 per cent of the trucks, as well as 75 per cent of the passenger cars, were sold on easy payments. This represents installment credits of at least \$1,500,000,000, handled by some 635 financing companies.

Radio is, perhaps, the latest entry in this field and a well known statistical bureau estimates that radio sales, during 1924, will reach a total of \$300,000,000—a large proportion of it sold on the installment plan. This proportion is likely to increase during 1925.

## Should More Credit Go to Necessities

Economists are now asking—would it not be sounder finance to have a larger share of installment credit for necessities rather than for luxuries? We are not overlooking the fact that the easy payment have been popular in the sale of a long list of commodities which might be classed as necessities, such as clothing, furniture, sewing machines, etc. The question is worth asking, however, would not the public receive greater benefit if a larger share of capital was made available for financing the sale of new buildings, renewals, additions and repairs on easy payments?

Likewise, in the matter of extensions, renewals and repairs—a great deal of painting, stuccoing, shingling and other work is delayed for lack of cash in hand which would be ordered if easy payments were available. The damage done to a building which is not repainted when it should be is irreparable—can never be replaced.

One finance company in Chicago is now lending money throughout Cook County for extensions, additions, alterations and repairs on the basis of 1 per cent a month for six months. All they require from the builder is a waiver of mechanics' liens, which they consider sufficient security when dealing with property owners. They advance the cash to the builder as fast as the work is completed upon receipt of the owner's note and the builder's waiver of lien.

## Financing Plans Now Used

The Save the Surface Campaign, with headquarters at Philadelphia, has appointed a sub-committee to investigate and report on methods of financing easy payments on painting and decorating jobs. In their report on this subject, the committee points out that one finance company in the city of Philadelphia has been financing painting contracts for a period of several months past. The finance company advises that one painting contractor whose work they have financed attested to the fact that 95 per cent of his business had been secured because he was able to offer easy terms.

Another finance company has financed along similar lines electrical wiring contracts and reports that one electrical contractor whose capital was \$5,000 had discounted, within six months' time, \$100,000 worth of contracts.

The Save the Surface Committee recommends co-operation with Morris Plan Banks, building and loan associations and local financial institutions to finance painting contracts on easy terms of re-payment.

For the erection of new buildings, the builder has recourse to the usual methods of financing building loans—first, second and third mortgages. If the owner has not sufficient money after receipt of the first mortgage loan to pay the complete construction cost, the builder can take second and third mortgages which can usually be sold in the larger centers. To do this, however, the commissions on two or three loans is heavy and forms a burden which must be passed back to the purchaser in the form of a higher contract

price. Where the builder owns the land, he can sell on contract or have the purchaser assign title to his lot, raise a first mortgage loan on it, get a signed contract from the purchaser for the balance and "shave" the contract, but this exposes the purchaser to a possible loss of his title if he misses a payment, as he has no title whatever. Loan sharks are prone to take advantage of this. With a mortgage, there is, in most states, a 15 months' redemption period before foreclosure, which is much safer for the owner.

Mr. D. F. Laist, architectural adviser for the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, outlined a plan of financing easy payments at a meeting of the Ohio Retail Lumber Dealers' Association. The plan has many merits and is, briefly, as follows:

## A New Plan Suggested

The building material dealers, local builders and sub-contractors to take shares in a local loan company. This loan company to advance the amount necessary to "bridge the gap between the amount of the first mortgage loan and the amount necessary to complete the building." The money from the first mortgage loan is prorated among dealers who furnish material, builder and sub-contractors who install fittings and equipment. For the balance due them, each takes the owner's note. The loan company then discounts each of these notes for a moderate discount and pays the cash to dealers, builder and sub-contractors upon their endorsement of the owners' notes. This sounds like a commendable and feasible plan.

## What Are Your Ideas?

We would like to hear from our subscribers on this question. We think it is worthy of discussion and one which may have an immediate bearing upon local building plans this spring. Write us a letter giving us your views.



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WHEN WRITING ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION THE AMERICAN BUILDER

# Westchester's House Beautiful Is Fine Type of Country Home

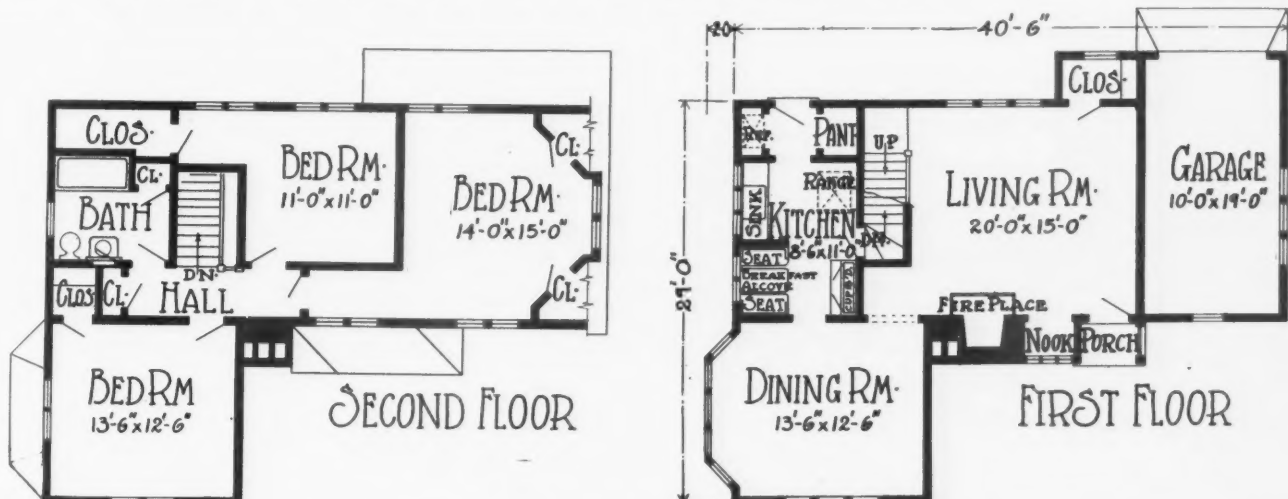
LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT

THE model demonstration house, erected by The Building and Realty News, of Westchester County, New York, bears the well deserved name of "Westchester's House Beautiful." The English style, selected by the architect, Mr. Lewis Bowman, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is a thoroughly appropriate type for the modern country home, of which this house is an example.

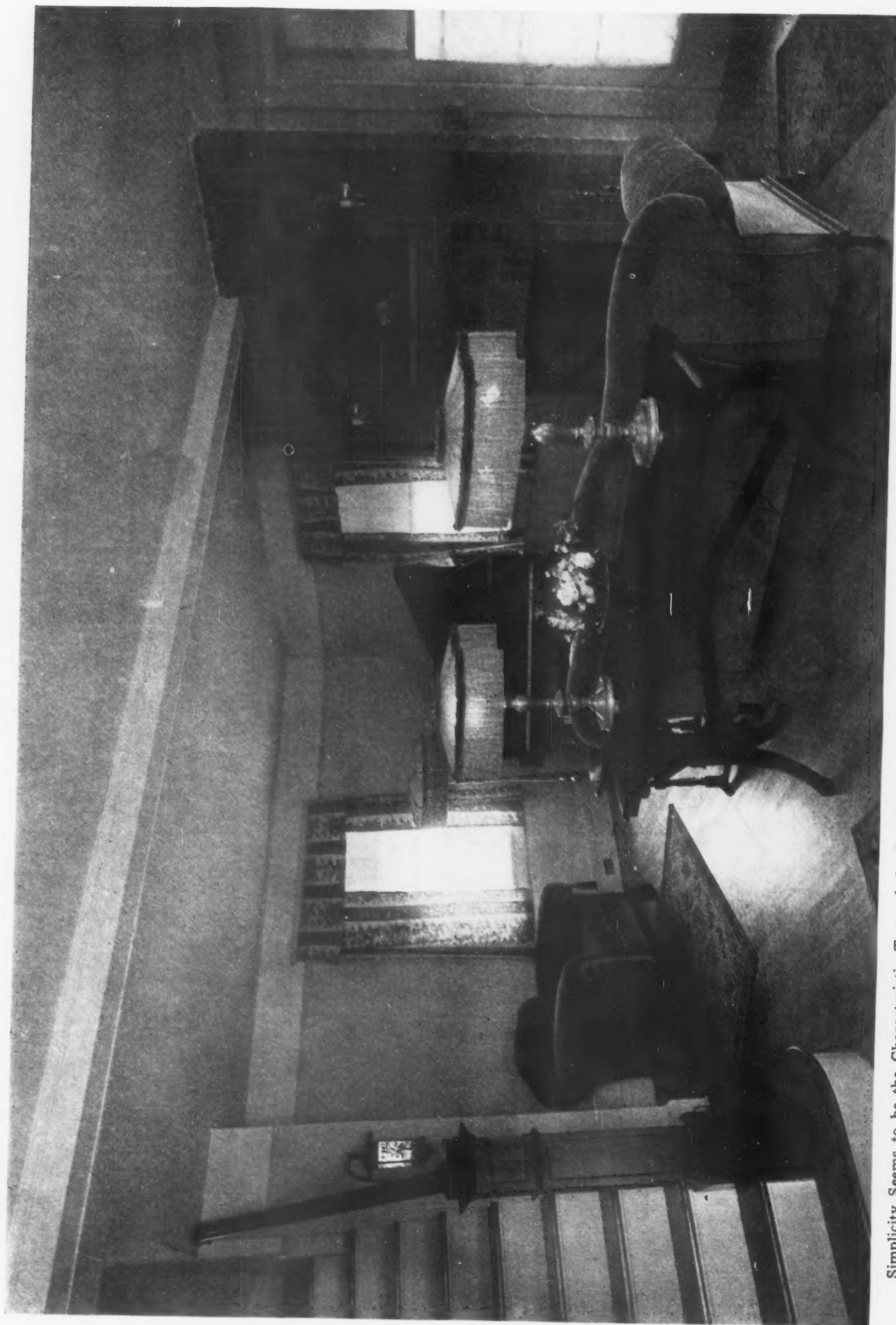
After selecting the type of house, the foremost thought was for the reduction of upkeep, with the result that the

probability of repair bills within ten years has been reduced to the minimum, an item of much consequence in the ultimate cost of home building.

A large number of well known firms co-operated in the erection, equipping, furnishing and decorating, and the building has been called the most complete modern home in New York City suburbs. It is located on Mamaroneck avenue, White Plains, and has attracted several thousand visitors since it was first opened for inspection.

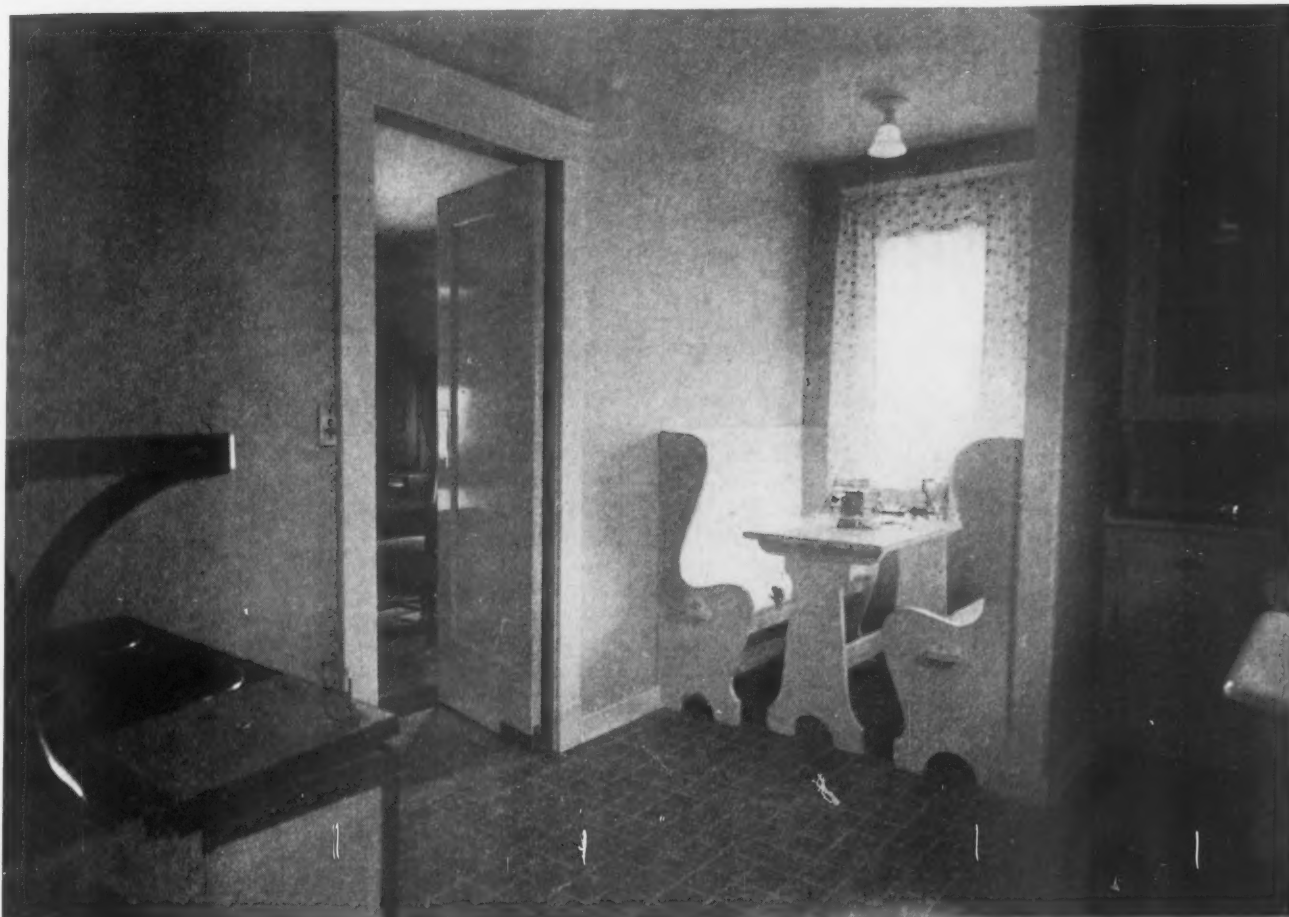


The Building so Thoroughly Harmonizes with Its Surroundings that It Seems to Be a Part of Them. The floor plan shows the thought given to comfort and convenience in every detail from the large closets to the built-in garage.



Simplicity Seems to be the Characteristic Tone of the Interior of Westchester's House Beautiful and no Decoration Is More Satisfactory than Artistic Simplicity. This living room, which might otherwise seem cold, is given just the right warmth by the bright window drapes, the upholstered furniture and the well placed lamps and rugs, while the rough brick fireplace makes one look forward to the long winter evenings with a blazing wood fire.





The Kitchen, Above, of the Westchester House Beautiful, Is Carefully Planned to Offer All the Conveniences of Equipment and Arrangement While the Breakfast Nook Is Cheerfully Lighted by a Big Window. Just beyond is the dining room which is in complete harmony with the tone of the living room shown on the preceding page.

# Unique State Capitol Design

Also a Fine Office Building, Training School, Exposition Building and State Capitol  
Included in this Month's Art Supplement

By BERNARD L. JOHNSON,

*Editor, American Builder*

**S**HOULD American capitol buildings all be cut after the same pattern? At least one architect—the late Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue—said, “No,” and provided a noble alternative. This building, still under construction, has been described as one of America's architectural masterpieces.

An illustrated article in regard to this capitol was printed in *AMERICAN BUILDER* as long ago as June, 1922. However, this beautiful perspective has never before been illustrated in full page duotone lithography. We believe our readers will agree that the reproduction in this month's Art Duotone Supplement is well worth while.

Other notable buildings are included in this month's selection. We are glad to present a perspective of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building, San Francisco, as a particularly fine example of the many modern office buildings being erected in Pacific Coast cities, where building has been extremely active.

## Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building, San Francisco, Cal.

The architects of this building—J. R. Miller, T. L. Pflueger and A. A. Cantin—made exhaustive surveys of the surroundings as well as mass and model studies of the building, in order to be sure that it fitted its environment and that there was no light or other interference from nearby structures.

The building occupies a site 160 by 147 feet, has equal faces at right angles on two intersecting streets and has an ell-shaped light court at the back. It is 500 feet high to the tip of the flagpole and contains 26 stories. The outer walls are faced with granite color terra cotta, except on the light court faces, which are of enamel brick, to match. The cost is estimated at four million dollars and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy in August of this year.

## Training School for Teachers, New York City

The architects for the Board of Education of the City of New York—William H. Gompert and Mortimer D. Metcalf, associate—are to be congratulated upon this exceptionally fine training school design, as illustrated in this month's art duotone perspectives.

The building activity of the New York Board of Education is indicated by the fact that, in seven years, their building program has involved an expenditure of \$150,000,000 in order to provide proper educational facilities in this great metropolis.

The new Training School for Teachers will be located on West 135th Street between St. Nicholas Terrace and Convent Avenue. The building will contain seven stories and basement and its dimensions are to be 263 by 220 feet. The architecture is to be Cathedral Gothic; the construction to be of the skeleton type with curtain walls of brick and

trimmings of limestone.

Showers, toilets, dressing rooms, locker rooms and class rooms are provided for every department and the equipment and furnishings will be of the latest and most modern type. There will be several gymnasiums, laboratories, science rooms, rest rooms, teachers' rooms, libraries, offices, a manual training room, music rooms, cafeteria, teachers' lunch room, kitchen and other departments, also an auditorium which will seat 1,200 persons.

## The Textile Exchange

Several large buildings have been built and projected in Chicago recently to serve the purpose of centralizing display and buying markets for various line of merchandise. The Furniture Mart—the world's largest building—has been so successful that land has been bought and plans drawn for an annex to be built in the near future. The Jewelers' Building is a projected building of this type, also the Produce Exchange, as also the Textile Exchange, illustrated in this month's Art Supplement.

The building is to cost \$5,000,000 and is to be located on Lake Shore Drive near the site of the Furniture Mart, between Erie and Ontario streets. It will be 240 feet square with a 120-foot club-hotel annex building.

The architect, Mr. Joseph C. Ludgin, has provided plans for a building which will be a credit to this fine neighborhood, with sweeping vertical lines which accentuate the height of the building and a gracefully designed tower at the corner. A lesser tower

marks the dividing line between the main building and the annex.

The promoters, S. H. Shoninger and Hugo Du Brock, expect to have on display in this building representations of every important textile manufacturer on display. The plans call for a large roof garden with a complete stage on the roof of the club section, where fashion revues, exhibits, etc., can be given.

## Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska

Architects, as a class, are generous in their recognition of meritorious design even when it upsets a precedent. The late Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue has admittedly designed a masterpiece in the Nebraska State Capitol which won a series of architectural competitions in June, 1920.

The design of this capitol departs entirely from precedent in American state house construction, which, in turn, seems to have had its inspiration from the dome of St. Peter's or the Temple of Jupiter in Rome. The main feature of Mr. Goodhue's design, of course, is the majestic but beautiful tower rising to a height of 400 feet and surmounted by a heroic figure called “The Sower.” This tower will be 80 feet square at the base and has a colored tile dome rising above an octagonal section of great effectiveness.

The main building is approximately 440 feet square, set on a terrace with a stairway of heroic proportions.

### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

How do you like the Art Supplement and its presentation of the architecture of notable buildings? Do you find these plates beautiful—interesting—informing—or would you be more interesting in a different type of buildings? Your suggestions will be welcomed, as we want to present this department in the way which will be most inspiring and helpful to all who are interested in architecture. Simply address your letters to the Editor, *American Builder*, Chicago, and they will have our personal attention.

# ART SUPPLEMENT *of* NOTABLE ARCHITECTURE



PLATE XXI

*The* PACIFIC TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH BUILDING, San Francisco, Calif.; J. R. Miller & T. L. Pflueger and A. A. Cantin, Associated Architects. This Four Million Dollar Building, 26 stories high, will be completed in August, 1925.

*The* AMERICAN BUILDER, March, 1925



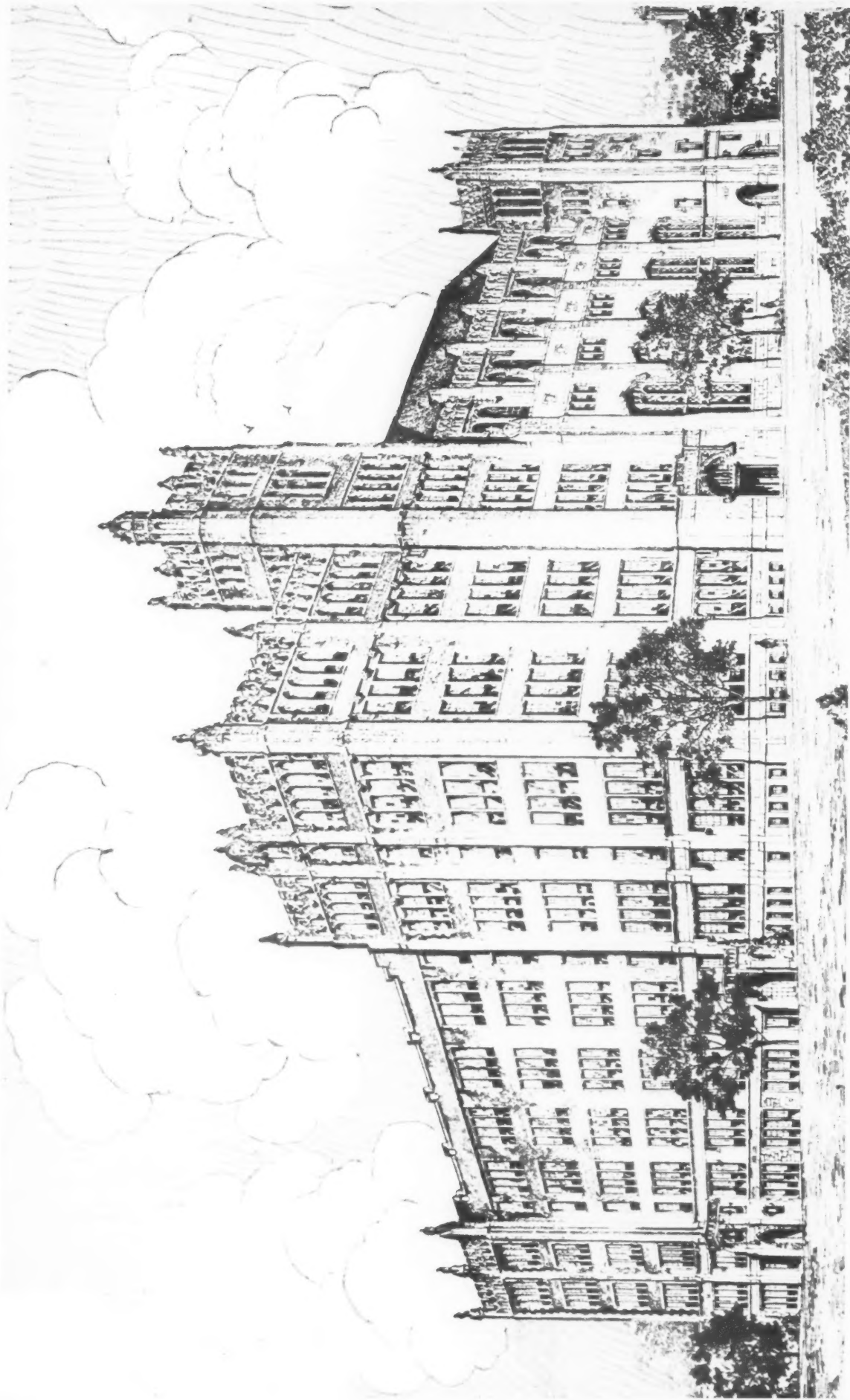


PLATE XXII

*The New York Training School for Teachers, W. 135th St., New York City; Wm. H. Gompert, Architect. This immense 7-story building, 262 by 219 feet, is part of the \$150,000,000 school building program now being put through by the Board of Education of the City of New York, under Mr. Gompert's supervision.*



The TEXTILE EXCHANGE, Chicago, Joseph G. Ludgin, Architect; to be built on Lake Shore Drive at Erie Street. A design notable for its strong vertical lines and absence of cornice.

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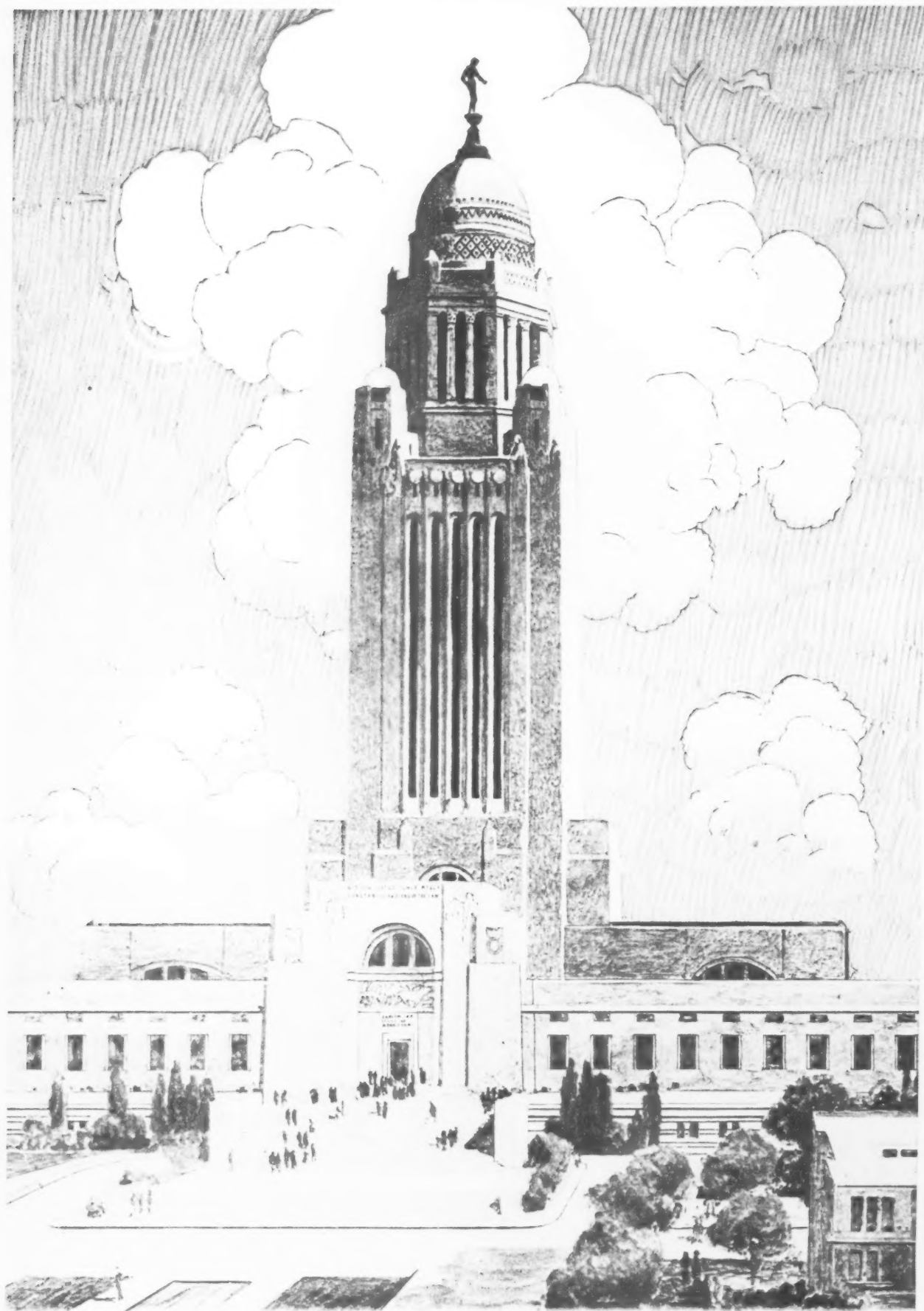


PLATE XXIV

The NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL, Lincoln, Nebr., Bertram G. Goodhue, Architect, has occasioned world-wide comment and admiration since this prize winning design was selected and ground broken in April, 1922.



# Built-in Equipment Used Throughout the Biltmore Apartments

By MAX SOMMERS

**A**MONG the most modern of newly constructed apartment buildings in Portland, Oregon, is the Biltmore Apartments at Twentieth and Glisan streets, which was completed last year; John H. Grant, architect.

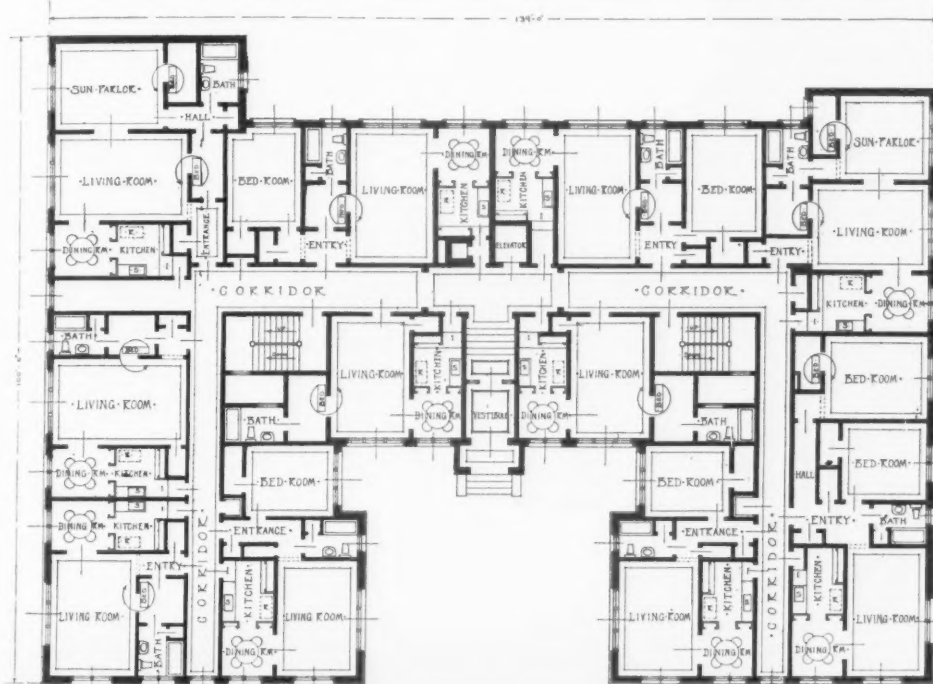
The building is of reinforced concrete construction, with stucco exterior and Spanish cornices. It is built in a double "U" shape around 50 by 50-foot court. The front entrance,

which is of vestibule type, having a red slate roof, faces upon a small lawn set with trees and shrubs. The entrance is approached by a short flight of red brick steps, with tall lamps on each side. The fire escapes and the small steel balconies outside the central suites are painted white to correspond with the walls. The building consists of four stories and basement and is thoroughly fireproof.

There are 49 suites, of two, three and four rooms. The large suites are equipped with sun parlors, reached by French doors, this type of door also being used to give entrance to the balconies and between the living and dining rooms. Each suite has a bathroom with tiled floor and built-in bath tub, shower and drug cabinet.

The kitchens are small and compact and have every possible labor-saving device within easy reach. These include a sink with drain table attached, pair of kitchen steps, built-in kitchen cabinets, cupboards and refrigerator, and electric range. The kitchen opens on a dining room of the same size, flanked by glass-doored china closets.

The living room is equipped with a double concealed bed which pivots into a closet in which are two large wardrobes.



The Biltmore Apartments, Portland, Ore., John H. Grant, Architect, Are a Fine Example of the Possibilities of Space Saving Through Built-in Equipment. The floor plan shows the compact arrangement of the 49 two, three and four-room suites which are a model of light, ventilation and convenience.

# Built to Rent at \$27.50 Per Month

Frank F. Woolling, Indianapolis Builder, Makes Big Success with His "Baby Grand Doubles" Which He Builds and Rents Partially Furnished



Frank F. Woolling, Indianapolis Builder, Whose "Baby Grand Doubles" Provide Young Couples with a Chance to Save Their Money Toward the Day When They can Build Their Own Home.

**J**UST when all the eligible young men were being frightened away from matrimony by the high cost of living and the young women were thinking they didn't want to keep house, because housekeeping meant either being cooped up in a room or two of a big apartment house where it was difficult to find your own entrance door, along comes Frank Woolling, an enthusiastic Indianapolis home-builder, and offers to young married couples, and old ones, the "baby grand double"—a double bungalow with all the conveniences of an apartment and all the sunlight and open air and privacy of a bungalow.

The baby grand double, as Mr. Woolling terms his delightful new type of house, is his own invention, but the rapidity with which the clever little houses are renting will no doubt lead to many imitations.

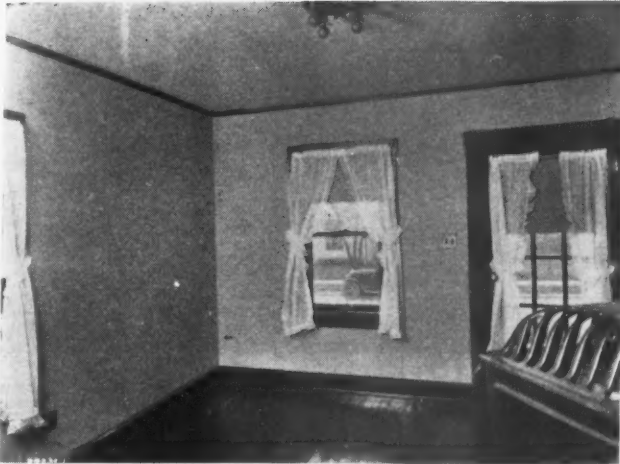
The best part of the baby grands is that they are to be rented, not sold; all the capital a young couple needs in order to start housekeeping in one of them is the price of a few pieces of furniture, and thanks to Mr. Woolling's foresight, one doesn't need much money or much furniture either.

The little "baby grands" rent for only the least bit more than the most ordinary three-room cottage. Each has a complete living room, a complete bed room and the most attractive combination dining room and kitchenette, toilet and "bathette" that any woman could desire. The exterior of the "baby grands" musn't be passed by without mention, for no one would pass one of them by without giving them an admiring glance, and a woman would be almost sure to exclaim, "What a darling place!"

For Mr. Woolling has taken special care to plan an artistic exterior for his "baby grands"—in keeping with the interior. Some of them have roofs of silvery gray tile, some show tiles of soft blues and greens and reds intermingled, some will be roofed in all green and some in dull red. All are dis-



Mr. Woolling Has Taken Special Care to Plan an Artistic Exterior for His "Baby Grands." Tile roofs in soft grays, blues, greens and reds set off the gray and ivory of the walls and trim. Each house has a private back yard with a garage and coal bin at the rear and plenty of room for a garden.



In the Living Rooms an Embossed Paper of Silver Gray, Walnut Stained Floors, French Door and Wide Windows with Shades, Fixtures and Curtains and the Efficient Heater Provided Make an Attractive Effect.



Each Kitchen Is Furnished with a Gas Range and a Built-In Cabinet Enameled to Match the Woodwork, in Ivory and a Block Pattern Linoleum in Blue and Ivory Covers the Floor.

tinctive in their coloring. The outside walls are painted in soft grays and the trim is of ivory, making the whole most attractive. And here are a few of the additional exterior features and not found in the average rental property.

Each "baby grand" has a private back yard, fenced in from porch to garage with an ornamental iron fence, so that the baby or the dog has a place to play or the garden may grow undisturbed by wandering chickens. Each "baby grand" has its own garage. Built into one side of the garage is a coal bin, so that the coal wagon drives up the alley, empties the winter supply of coal into the bin and all the man of the house needs to do is to bring it in, a week's supply at a time, to the covered concrete coal reservoir at one corner of the large back porch.

The moment one steps into the living room he appreciates the good taste and excellent thought that went into the planning of these unusual houses. The best apartments are no more attractively

FRANK F. WOOLLING  
Real Estate  
Continental Bank Building  
Indianapolis

January 23, 1925.

MR. BERNARD L. JOHNSON,  
Editor AMERICAN BUILDER,  
1827 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Johnson: I am enclosing by separate package the only photographs I have had taken of the Baby Grand Development. I am not particularly proud of the pictures as the houses are not completed on the outside to any further degree at this time than the pictures show.

However, we have twenty-six occupied and have just laid down boards for the tenants to get in through the mud and they paid their rent from the day the inside of the houses were finished. There is just a prime coat of paint on the outside and the weather has been so cold we couldn't get in cement walks or steps up to the front porches, and the tenants occupying same are using the back door. You will have to imagine these houses painted up in beautiful shades of grays, ivories, white and greens, with the lawns graded and shrubbery banked around each little house. We are making full length cypress screens and doors for every opening and of course will place trellises and lattice work for rambler roses at some point on each house, and, believe me, my gardener will set out roses that will be blooming in sixty days after old stock is planted.

My list of people waiting to get into the apartments are young folks who are paying as high as \$65.00 a month rent and are really high-class and sincere people who are willing to furnish for themselves all the service they have been paying for in apartment houses and are desirous of building up a bank account in some good building and loan association with the difference they save in rent. These houses are renting for \$27.50 per month. It would really do you good, interested in your bigger way of promulgating the building of homes for the American public, to hear some of the people talk who daily call up my office. The rental success of this deal is just away beyond my fondest expectations.

Very truly yours,

FRANK F. WOOLLING.

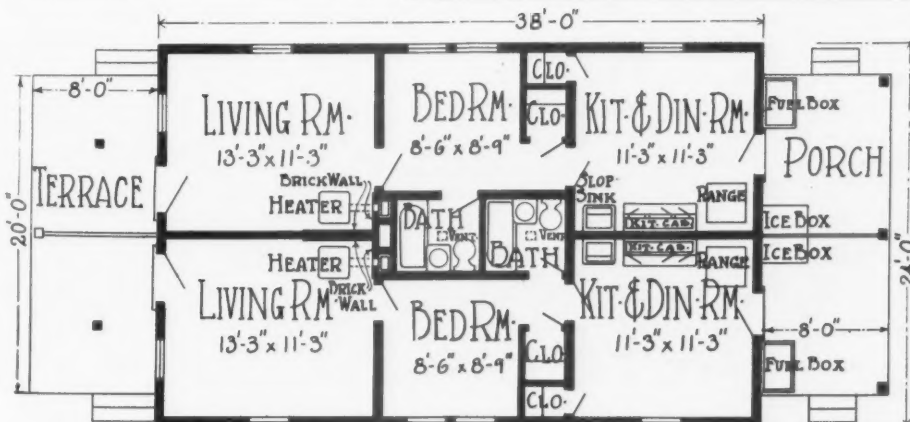
papered than the "baby grands."

In the living room and bedroom, an embossed paper of silver gray has been used, with walnut stained floors and woodwork. A wide side window supplements the French door and the window at the front in the living room, yet ample space has been left for all the necessary furniture.

There are ivory-toned shades at the windows, but the builder has not stopped with shades. He has included curtain fixtures and ruffled, tie-back marquisette curtains at every door and window from the front of the house to the kitchen. There is a big space between the front window and the side window for the over-stuffed davenport, which may be of the type that can be converted into an extra bed if one needs additional bedrooms. Besides the space for the davenport is an electrical outlet for the bridge lamp, and in one corner is an ideal spot for a gate-legged table and large chair, while in the opposite corner is the heating plant, a sort of "inside the house" furnace, with furnace heating capacity but a base-burner appetite for coal.

According to Mr. Woolling, these new heaters have been tested and found to go through an entire winter on three tons of coal, which is even more in their favor than their attractive appearance. Unlike the old base-burner, they throw the heat to the top of the room instead of scorching everything within three feet of them, and the upper walls of the "baby grand" have narrow openings near the ceiling so that this warm air is effectively distributed through the house.

In the bedroom, where space



Mr. Woolling Builds His "Baby Grand" Doubles in Two Sizes, 24 by 38 Feet, Arranged Like This and Renting for \$32.00 a Month, and 24 by 36 Feet, Renting for \$27.50 a Month. In the smaller plan the bathtubs are omitted and the bathroom space divided into four units, two toilets and two clothes closets.





These "Baby Grands" Were All Rented as Fast as They Reached the Point Where They Were Habitable, Without Waiting for the Completion of Outside Painting, Cement Walks, Grading and Other Details. There is now a waiting list of young people who are paying as high as \$65.00 a month in rent but are anxious to grasp this opportunity to start saving for a home of their own.

has been provided for a full size bed, dressers and chiffonier, there is a lighted wardrobe, and next to it, opening from the kitchen, is a modern toilet.

The kitchen is the most delightful room of all. There is a gas range furnished with the house; also a built-in cabinet enameled, to match the woodwork, in ivory. At the windows there are dainty curtains, on the floor there is block-patterned linoleum in blue and ivory.

Mr. Woolling has explained his purpose in building his "baby grand" doubles, in the following words:

"Our government put on an 'Own Your Home Campaign,' because home ownership develops better citizens, and the results were wonderful; but say, how are the young married folks just beginning life, going to save enough money to buy a home when it takes all they can make just to barely live? They have been reared in homes that have taken the best part of their parents' lives to create; and, naturally, they want to start in a like manner. Now, in the cities, what option have they? Either rent an unmodern, unsanitary house, absolutely opposite from what they have been used to, or rent a one-room, kitchenette and bath in a big apartment hotel at a price they can't afford to pay, and with their nose to the grind-stone trying to get by, it's mighty easy for either the husband or the wife to become dissatisfied, and through the many devious ways of that kind of living, end up in the divorce court.

"Now, if they could rent a small, clean, efficient house at a price within their income, they would be only too glad to keep the home fires burning, cut the grass, and scrub their walks and steps. And the very fact of their rendering these homely services would tend to hold their interest, build up their civic pride and give them a chance to save up their money to buy a home of their own; and the building of these small rentals is the creation of the 'Stepping Stones,' if you please, to the young folks dream home. If they start right, live thriftily and earnestly their dreams will come true and they will enjoy home ownership.

"All over this country there is every reason in the world for producing small, highly efficient houses to rent. Calling a small double house an apartment has a far greater appeal to the renting public than if you advertised a double house. It's hard to get attractive names for these developments. Now, if you AMERICAN BUILDER readers care to take these down, I'm going to slip you a few good names for small cellarless, bungalows, double, doll-up like out modern apartments—Baby Grand Apartments—Jennie Wren Apartments—Peter Pan Apartments—and Pollyanna Apartments."



### Recommend Subdivision Control

A STUDY of the control of subdivision development was recently undertaken by the Home Builders' and Subdividers Division of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, under the direction of Irenaeus Shuler, of Omaha.

Good control, within corporate limits, was found in seventeen cities, partial control in six cities and no control in one city. For control outside of corporate limits the figures were eleven good, three partial and twelve cities no control.

The report recommends a master plan for the whole of any metropolitan area, including a radius of three miles outside of corporate limits. Such a master plan is used in three of the cities at the present time and has been adopted and is in preparation for three others. The master plan provides for future street extensions, sewers, grades, transportation facilities and other improvements which should be co-ordinated with city development in territory which will probably become a part of the city.

No recommendation is made for the placing of such control except that it should be in the hands of the governing body best fitted to handle it by the existing local laws.



### High School Building Course

THE first building construction course to be adopted as a regular four-year high school course has been established in the Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles. This course includes general instruction in selection, storing and use of brick, cement, sand, lime, rock, etc.; project work covering everyday use of concrete and brick; instructions in form work and scaffolding; construction methods devoted to the development of details, showing foundations, floors, walls, beams and plain columns made from concrete; instruction in individual and group project in various types of building construction and engineering work; test of sand, cement and brick; test and use of plaster for interiors; test of roof tile (clay and cement) for color and water tightness; instruction in fireplace and chimney design.



### Building Congress Honors Boyd

THE first 1925 meeting of the Philadelphia Building Congress, January 16, took the form of a dinner in honor of D. Knickerbacker Boyd, president of the Congress. Mr. Boyd has announced his intention of retiring from office at the end of his present term, and this was considered an opportune time to publicly acknowledge his able work for the betterment of the building industry.

The dinner was attended by ninety-four members and friends. Many messages of tribute to Mr. Boyd were received from all parts of the country and the speakers referred to his continuous service, his visits to more than three-quarters of the chapters of the Institute, his collaboration with the Department of Commerce in mitigating seasonal unemployment, his work with the building material associations on standardization, basic specifications, pride of craft, apprenticeship training and innumerable activities with public educational institutions, contractors, and others.

# Furnishing the Spanish Interior

Illustrations from "Dias Dorados," the Estate of Mrs. Thomas Ince,  
Beverly Hills, California, Roy Seldon Price, Architect

By MARION BROWNFELD

**T**HE Latin influence on both architecture and home furnishings was never more apparent than at present. "Castles in Spain" are being built in such variety, right here in America, that every type of home from the studio apartment to the mansion may reveal a charming Spanish interior.

In every branch of Spanish decorative arts, there are "examples which seem to recall Italy in design, Flanders in perfection of workmanship, and an ever recurring Oriental note, which is reminiscent of the Moor." In metal, leather and iron, which were all important details of Spanish furniture, both the Flemish and the Moorish contributed ideas. This explains why Jacobean furniture, considered an English style, harmonizes with Spanish furniture. William and Mary brought it from the Netherlands, and thus the two styles have a common Dutch heritage.

Distinctly different were the influences of the New World, on Spanish furniture. These tended to two different effects. One style was the simplified Spanish made necessary by the pioneering of the Mission padres, and the other while still monastic in design was strongly influenced by the native Indians. This type of Spanish furniture has appropriately been called the

"pueblo style." It combines primitive vigor with Indian motifs in design. Many of the Spanish colonists saw the decorative possibilities in Aztec motifs with their bold simplicity portraying symbolically all the mysticism of nature. The Indian pottery, baskets and rugs are echoes of the desert where the sun unites earth and sky. And the new Spanish settlers carved beamed ceiling, paneled walls and doors, friezes and borders, as well as furniture in Indian style, with now and then a Spanish heraldic device intermingled!

The background of course was simple stucco walls, with gracefully arched opening descended from the Moors to the Mission days. Tiled floors reflect both Moorish and Indian art. Hand wrought iron was used for both the quaint hardware—such as door hinges and locks, and very handsome lighting fixtures. Candle scones notably relieved the austerity of natural toned plaster walls. However, the tie with old Spain still being strong, luxurious hangings were imported by the wealthy. This note of color is probably the most fascinating thing in a Spanish room.

Yet Spanish furniture has decided beauty in itself. Besides tables, chairs, chests, stools, and bedsteads, there were a number of original pieces—among them

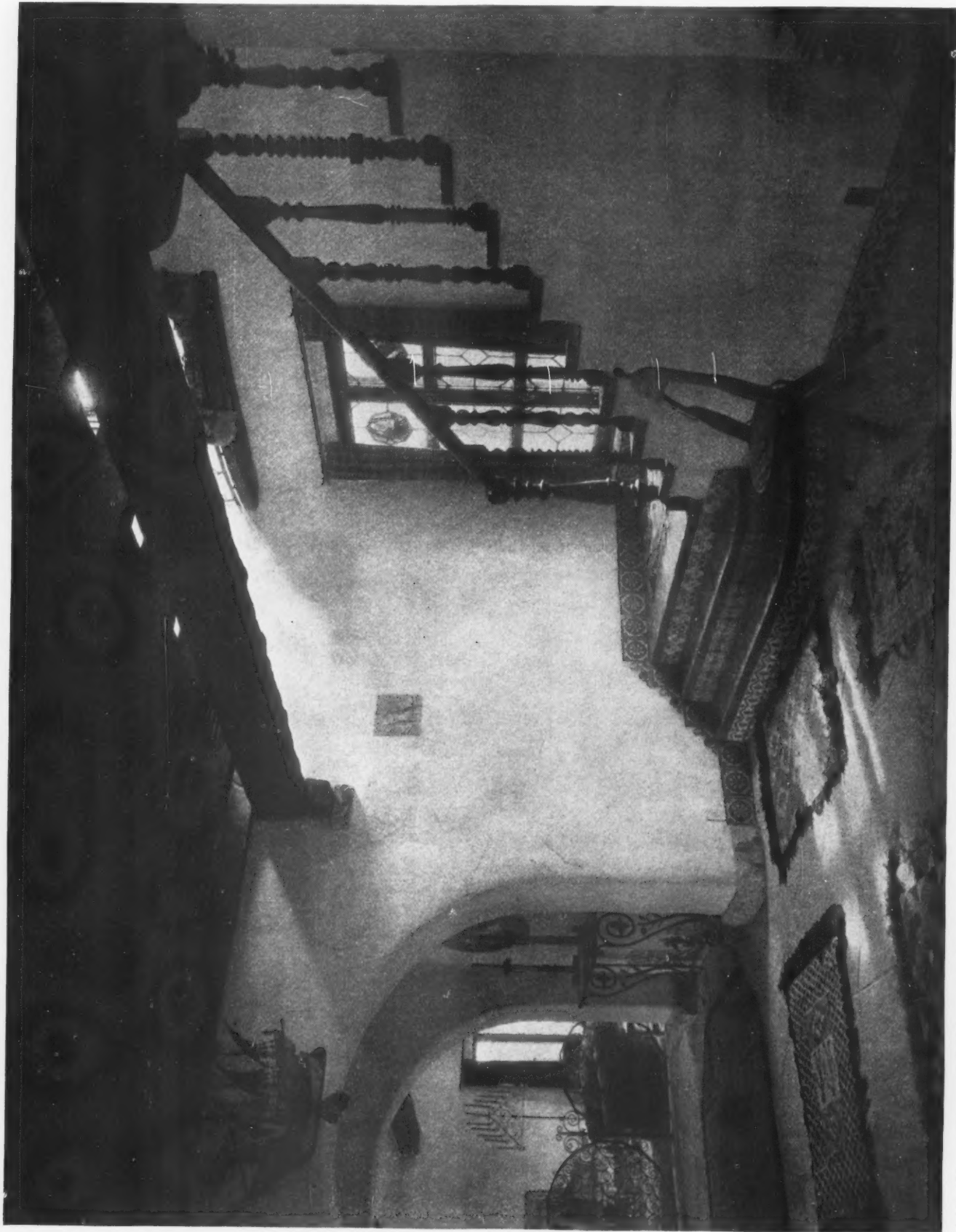


With the Vogue of Spanish Homes Comes the Need for Knowledge Concerning their Proper Decoration. This interior is from the home of the late Thomas Ince, Beverly Hills, California. Roy Seldon Price, Architect.

the "arcon" or curved top sea chest and the famous vargueno.

The vargueno is a small rectangular cabinet with a hinge, that lets down the lid; it was gradually developed into an elaborate and useful piece of furniture. A sliding drawer beneath is credited to the Moors, as

well as certain open work metal plaques seen in sixteenth century models. Later the vargueno was placed upon a stand, which had a characteristic arrangement of spirally turned columns frequently connected lengthwise by arcades. Carved shell work was a decoration symbolic of St. James, the patron saint.



The Heavy, Beamed Ceiling, the Quaint Stairway with Its Variety of Balusters, the Tile Floor and the Plaster Walls Form a Fitting Background for Wrought Iron Work So Much in Evidence in the Interior of Dias Dorados, the Home of Mrs. Thomas Ince.



Most of the typical Spanish furniture was walnut, which fits harmoniously into any Latin interior. Sometimes walnut was polychromed or gilded, but chiefly as a decoration. Metal mountings were exceedingly popular and both gilt and iron were used over red velvet. Chairs were upholstered with both velvets and leather. Tooled leather, indeed, is notable on seats, stools and screens. The Moors sat on cushions, so chairs developed slowly, and the canopied bench was one of the first styles. Later both high and low backed arm chairs were upholstered.

A tall hanging cupboard or armoire was another distinctive Spanish piece, while a small cabinet or drawers designed to stand on a table is the "papelera." What a fascinating adornment for a modern writing table! The refectory table, being of monastic origin was equally at home in the New World. Spanish style tables usually have scroll or carved trestle legs connected by wrought iron stretchers. The legs flare at the base, and the top is frequently a thick walnut plank.

Color is strong in Spanish fabrics. Because it is needed to give warmth to stucco walls and tile floors, it can be used quite daringly in both hangings and

upholstery. A charming scheme, indeed, is the rug or "throw" hung solely for its pictorial effect.

Many of the Spanish weaves for upholstery have been cleverly simulated by modern manufacturers. Among these are tapestry, velvet, brocatelle, brocade and antique satin. For tall chairs, "flame point" tapestry with its lure of color is successful when the figure is used "up and down." Verdure tapestry, figured and Genoese velvets are harmonious for upholstery.

For draperies, the rich velvets and satins are always good, and a scalloped valance gives the Moorish effect. Thus sunfast crimson satin, for example, makes attractive overdrapes when edged with gilt braid. Glass curtains being the modern substitute for blinds, Spanish lace in rich ecru or theatrical gauze has the requisite elegance. Cottons colorfully striped and printed are also being used. The Oriental note sounded by striped curtains, which also carry out Indian motifs, if desired, are seen in one of the photos. Imported linens in "Goya" designs are another new idea. This fabric suggests both the famous painter and the Spanish shawls because of the floral scrolls. Jardiniere is another floral linen that is artistic for drapes. Wrought iron curtain rods of course emphasize the period.



The Beautiful Wrought Iron Screen Used Here Is an Excellent Example of the Delightful Effects Possible Through the Intelligent Use of this Material in Decoration. With it are combined, often in the Spanish interior, wrought iron candle sticks and bracket lights.



## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND THE HOME

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# Selecting the Home-Building Site

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**I**N the thrill of planning our first home, we too often forget that this home, which may be the only one which we will build, is to have a permanent setting, a place in the sun, which is different from that of any of its neighbors. Too many of us plan the house first, long before we have decided on the lot upon which it is to be placed. We do not always realize that the direction in which the lot faces, the grade of the lot, the trees and the rock outcrops, the hills and valleys, are all factors which are intimately connected with the kind of a home which we are to build.

Let us imagine that we are about to select such a lot, before we have designed our home. We will choose a general location which would be convenient to our place of business. The location should also be in a section of the community where the prevailing winds do not send the smoke, odors, or gases from nearby manufacturing plants into our living-room or bedroom windows. In some of the smaller communities this smoke factor may be serious; and we would like to avoid being too near the railroad with its noise and soot. Manufacturing plants always reduce the value of a piece of property for residence purposes.

In the vicinity of large cities the matter of transportation to and from our work is of concern to the home owner. When we are so situated that we can have both an automobile and a home, then the country or suburban sections have many advantages. Here we can usually find good educational advantages for our family, well designed churches, a library and other community features which will give to our children surroundings which they can happily remember, and perchance come back to when their schooling is over.

We expect, and that rightly, a good clear water supply, a well-managed and carefully designed sewerage disposal and refuse disposal system.

We need well-lighted and adequately policed streets, with paving smooth and safe for driving. We may have parks, playgrounds or perhaps a fine bathing beach if near a lake or river.

We have now disposed of the question of where we would like to live, and our next thought is of the lot upon which we will build this dream-home. Where the country is flat, little can be done except in the style and design of the house, to relieve it of monotony. We can by grading, if it be properly directed by real imagination, re-create a new scene about the house.

We can look for trees upon such a lot, trees whose welcome shade and spreading limbs give shelter and a feeling of permanency to the finally completed home. We may be fortunate enough to have several different varieties of trees on our lot, and their preservation should be no small matter of concern to you, their owner. Too many trees, however much we may admire them, only make our home dark and damp, and must be sacrificed in the beginning, before we grow too attached to them.

Some communities take great pride in the trees with which they have been blessed, and take great pains to preserve them. Many of these old forest monarchs have an interesting history. There is an old elm in Cambridge underneath whose spreading branches General Washington took command of his troops. There are elms, the branches of which have been bent in youth at right angle to their trunk, to mark the line of the Indian trails, as they wound their way toward the north lakes.

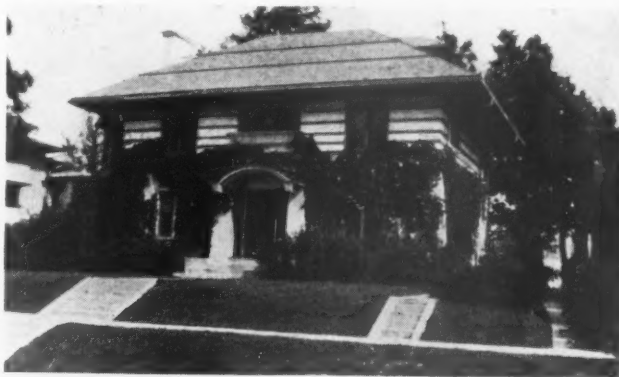
Our lot should not be too low in grade, so that there is a tendency of the surface drainage, the rains and melting snow of spring, to flow into our cellar, or to make of our entire lot a wet, unhealthful place in which to live. The



This Terraced Entrance to the Flower Garden and Greenhouse Is Most Invitingly Framed with Rose Bushes Which Adds to the Attractiveness of the Home.

low lot may also be difficult to build upon, due to the average shallow depth of the sanitary sewers in the street. It seems to the writer to be wise in the purchase of the lot, to be sure that the first floor grade of your home can be set at such a height that the house need not be put upon stilts, or on high foundations or terraces, to keep the basement level above the sewer grade.

Most of us know that low wet land is apt to be foggy and unhealthful. Pockets of this kind also encourage damage caused by early and late frosts, which may take all of our fruits or late maturing vegetables, or our choice and cherished late asters. In the spring late frosts also ruin many an otherwise promising fruit crop by killing the blossoms. A friend of mine, who lives in the state of Washington, now noted for its fine apples, was asked why he seldom had frost difficulties in the spring when all of his neighbors were losing large sums in frozen blossoms. "That," said he, "is because as an early comer I chose my home-site, and my orchard site with care, on a high level plateau, where the sun beats warmly down even in early spring."



**A Home Built Upon a Terrace, at Some Height Above the Street, Gains Prominence and at the Same Time Improved Views from Its Windows.**

If your lot is high, with a knoll seeming the best place for the house, let the building seem to build up out of the ridge. Do not let it seem to be in danger of sudden displacement during the first wind-storm, perching on the top like a brown derby on a tiny head. Rather, if the hill be high and the house be large let the style be kept low and rambling, with rooms on different levels on the first floor, if necessary, and with terraces of sufficient width to hold the house where it belongs.

A lot with steep slopes to the house and to the garage from the street, is one which may necessitate much grading down to make the ascent an easy and a safe one for either the motor car or for the visitor on foot. This requires no little ingenuity and cleverness in design, but may be the means of giving you an individual final result with the garage placed at a lower level than the first floor grade of the house. The entrance walk may lead upward in long ramps, rather than short flights of steps, until the house terrace or porch is reached.

Another natural feature of great beauty which is an attraction sought by the nature-lover, is a spring-fed brook or a wide lagoon, or a low piece of land with a valley so placed on the lot that it might serve when dammed at the lower end, as a site of a lake where summer swimming can be enjoyed, and where skating in winter gives zest to the



**A Natural Feature of Great Beauty May Be a Spring Fed Brook or Pond. Here mirrored rhododendrons and willows frame the charming view of this country home.**

day's joys. A more inviting scene, nor one more restful, can scarce be imagined.

As long as there is some motion to the water, even though the stream be artificially fed during a part of the day, little danger need be expected from mosquitoes, those pests of the summer evenings. Fish life would keep down the larvae, and provide much happiness to the small boys of the neighborhood. The reflection in the depths of the lake of the flowering shrubs along the banks, of the sunset glow, and of the warm light in the windows of the home you love, is a sight which pulls the heart-strings.

In digging the excavation for the basement of his home, a friend of mine found two large boulders of granite of brilliant hues, which his contractor advised be buried to get them out of the way. Both these rocks were saved. One was made the center,—and a popular center it was,—for a bird-garden and wild retreat, where in its hollowed top the old rock held cool water for the feathered visitors through the hot summer days.

The other boulder, even larger than its fellow was dragged within the shade of an old hemlock. Its rather irregular top was cut into a rustic seat, from the enveloping arms of which on many a summer evening weird tales were told around a crackling camp-fire at its base. Thus unexpected beauties and joys may be found on even a dismal and ordinary appearing site, if we have imagination and the courage to apply it to our lot.

Think in the beginning of the views of your new home which to you seem the most inviting, and frame them with attractive planting. Screen the views which are unattractive, especially those sections which are devoted to the service portion, the drying yard and other unsightly portions of the lot. These screens may be walls, lattice, or planting as has been suggested. Remember that in our northern climate many months are spent within the cozy walls of our home, and thus the best of the views from the windows can be framed, emphasized, and made restful and inviting. Evergreens and architectural features aid in making less bleak the winter's scenery.

Adapt your new home to the site which you have chosen. Adapt the arrangement of the rooms, their size and contents, to both the lot exposures and to the needs of your family. Adapt the materials of construction to those in common use in the community, preferably as permanent as possible. Do not select a freakish style of architecture just to be different from your neighbor. Above all adapt your home and its contents to your pocketbook, so that its final purchase, interest on your investment, taxes, and other fixed and seemingly inescapable charges will not take all of the pleasure out of the ownership of your dream-house.



# Egyptian Theatre, Portland, Oregon, Built in 90 Days

Efficiency in Planning Causes Construction Work to Speed

Designed by EDWARD A. MILLER—Contributed by NAOMI SWETT

**A** NOVELTY motion picture playhouse seating 1,200 people, and in which are incorporated many of the most modern audience comfort and screening appliances, built completely in ninety days, was the construction speed record attained in the building of Graeper's Egyptian Theater in Portland, Ore. The feat is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the building of five modern stores on the property, which is 126 by 145, was part of the job, of which the total cost was \$82,000.

Just fourscore days and ten after starting work the Carlson Construction Company, contractors, had the job ready for the decorators. Careful planning, strict adherence to schedule and close co-operation with the architect, Edward A. Miller, made this achievement possible, with a construction crew, which, even at the peak of operations, never numbered more than forty men.

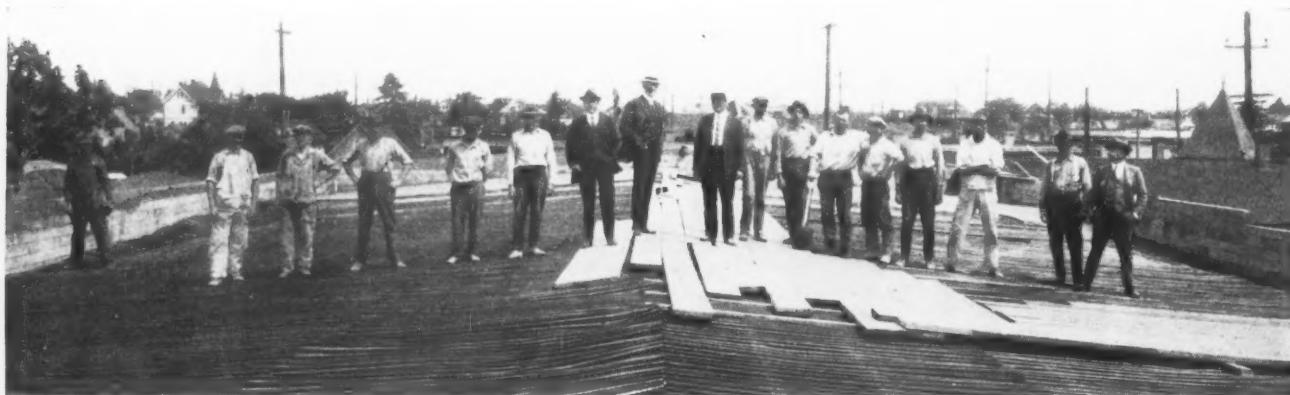
An interesting feature of the building operations was that the entire balcony of the theater, columns and all structural portions, were completed in a single day. The workers began operations at six o'clock in the morning, and by nine o'clock that night, just fifteen hours later, the cement finishers walked off the job with their work complete. The outside roof, even to the steel trusses, was finished with equal speed, the structural men working just ahead of the cement gang. The steel men began work on the roof of the building on a Friday morning and by 1:30 a.m. the next day they had completed their task, then the concrete crew following up pouring and finishing, with the result that the roof was completely finished by the time the noon whistle blew that day. In a day and a half 8,800 square feet of concrete had been spread on the roof,



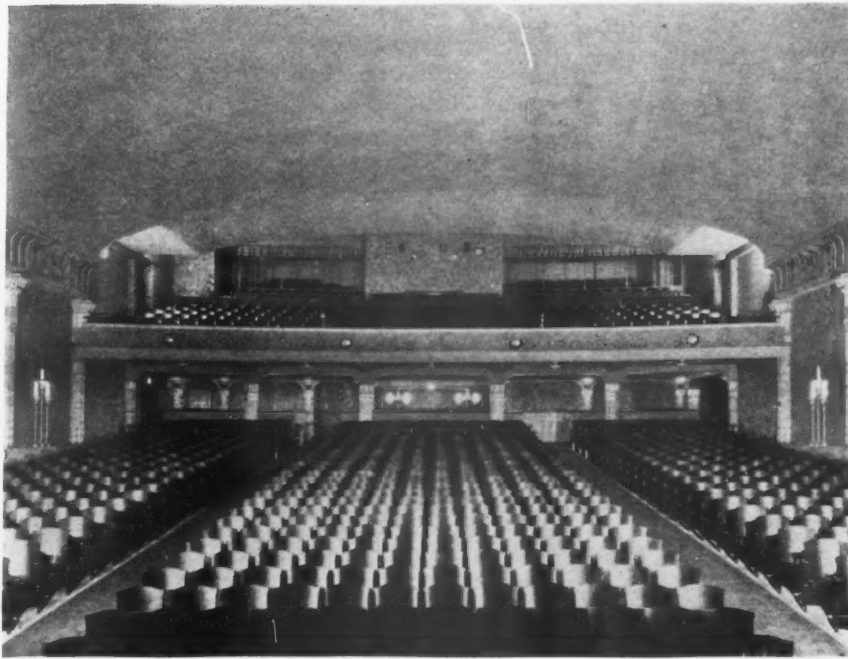
Graeper's Egyptian Theater Shows a Splendid Harmony of Beauty and Utility and Incorporates a Number of Unusual Features. Its speed of construction is a fine example of what can be accomplished by thorough planning of every operation.

including the placing of the roof slab steel. Other portions of the building were completed with equal speed.

Under the ordinary method of roof construction it would have taken between three and four weeks to do this piece of work, where wooden forms would have been hung from the trusses with the necessary forms for concrete purlins, slabs, etc. This procedure was avoided by using steel joists self-centering 2½-inch slab and pouring direct on the self-centering, which enabled the builders to lessen the



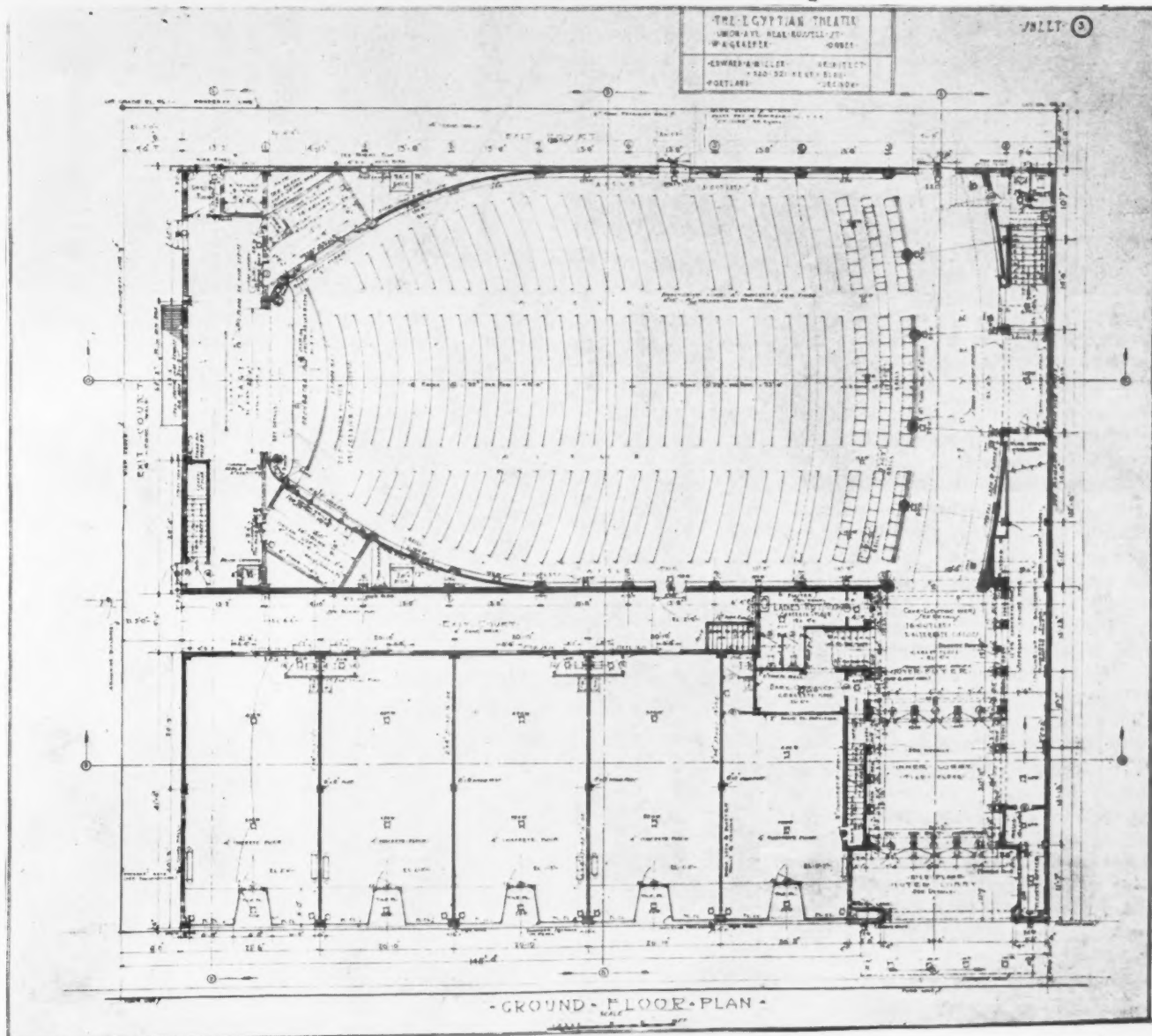
Steel Men Started Work on the Roof of the Egyptian Theatre on Friday Morning at 10:30 A. M. and the Next Day Had Completed Their Work. They were followed by the concrete crew and by noon Saturday, in a day and a half of work, the entire roof, including 8,800 square feet of concrete, was finished.



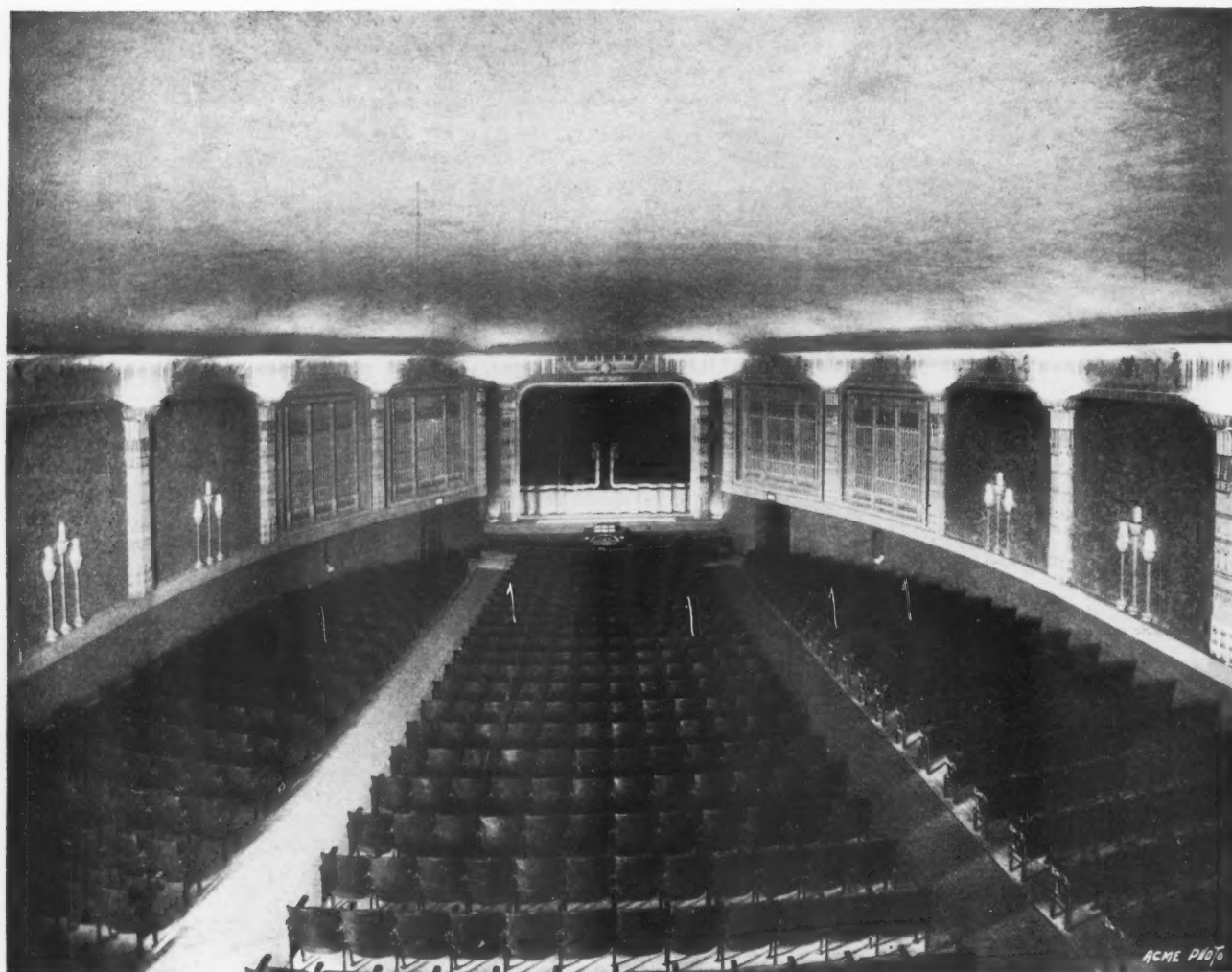
dead load on the trusses. The result was that the trusses, columns and footings were lightened, and the suspended ceiling carried direct from the roof slab with heavy wire looped through a self-centering supporting the light steel channels of the dome ceiling, leaving the work ready for the lathing crew to begin operations on the following Monday morning.

From the standpoint of beauty and practical advantages, Mr. Miller, the architect, decided upon the style of building that the ancient Egyptians made famous. The result has been a splendid harmony of art and utility. Graeper's Egyptian Theater is a piece of maximum enjoyment which provides a perfect seating arrangement, perfect acoustics, thermostatic ventilation control and a system of illumination that affords the best screening results with full observation for the patrons.

As the theater is built entirely of



Above: Another Interesting Example of Rapid Construction Is the Balcony of the Egyptian Theatre, All Structural Portions of Which Were Completed in a Single Day. The workers began operations at six in the morning and were through at nine in the evening. Below: The floor plan shows the elongated horseshoe shape of the auditorium which obviates all square pockets.

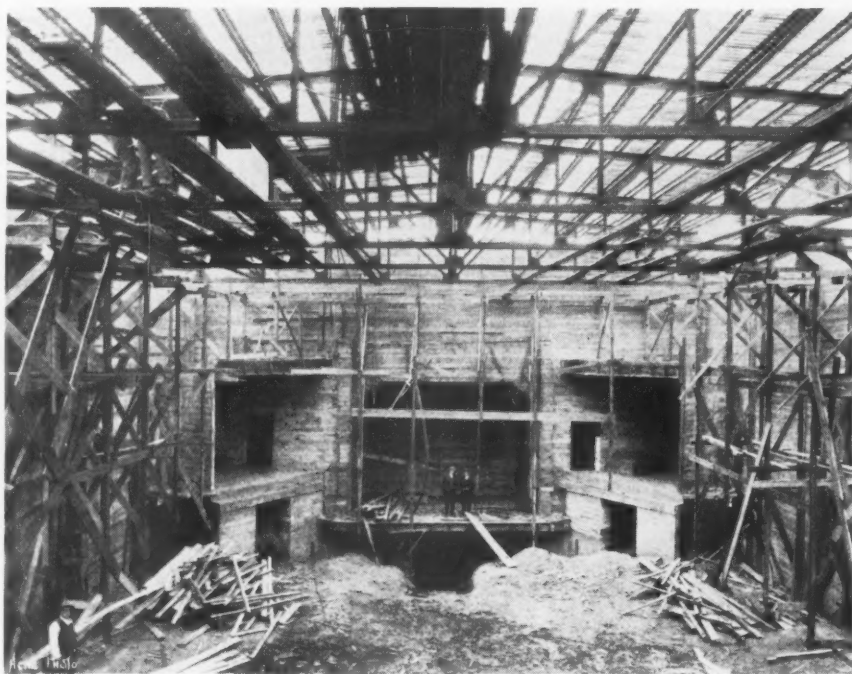


The Auditorium of the Egyptian Theatre Has a Ceiling Shaped Like an Inverted Eggshell Which Affords the Most Satisfactory Acoustics. The lighting is such that a person may see about the house during the performance and yet be screened from the discomfort of any direct glare.

reinforced concrete with an all-steel and concrete roof, it is completely fire-proof. The auditorium has the shape of an elongated horseshoe. Square pockets have thereby been obviated and all surplus space has been taken up by the two organ chambers and the ventilation shafts. The area of the organ chambers is 15 by 10, and they are 12 feet high. Access to the sound chambers is gained through metal doors in the right and left wings of the stage. The organ is a Wurlitzer Hope-Jones Unit orchestra of the most modern design, installed at a cost of \$18,000.

The ceiling of the auditorium is shaped like the inverted half of an eggshell and therefore contains no angles, sides, tops or ends, thus affording the most satisfactory acoustics. The walls, floors and ceiling of this theater are of solid concrete plastered smooth. Five exits lead to an alley and on the main auditorium there is a seating capacity of 866 persons.

The balcony is approachable by an easy incline from the foyer, which is 6 feet 6 inches in width. There is additional access to the balcony by two



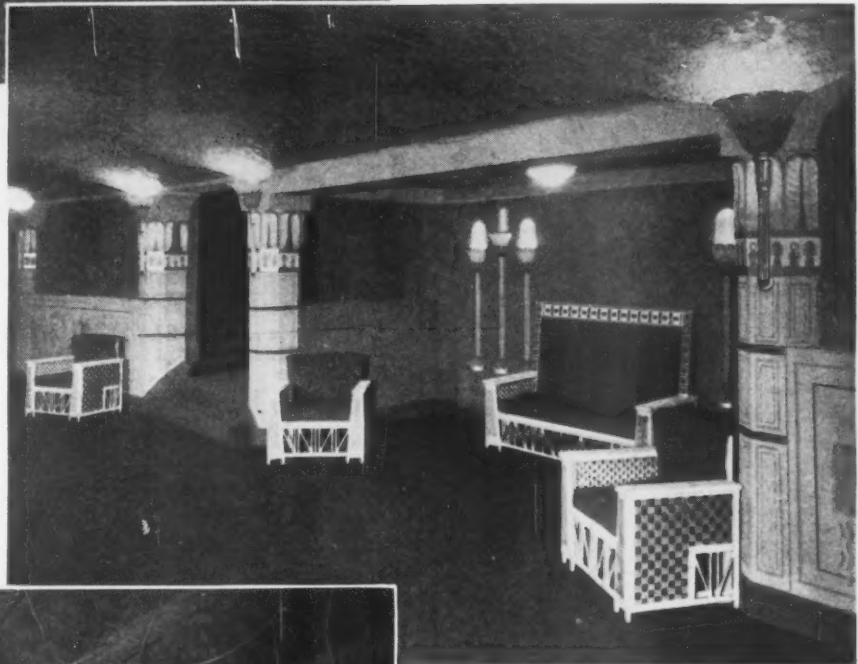
Here Is a View of the Stage in the Course of Construction. The rapid construction work was accomplished with a crew that never numbered more than forty men, even at the peak of operations.





The Spacious Lobby of the Egyptian Theatre Is Decorated in Blue, Gold and Autumn Colors Which Blend in a Most Pleasing Harmony.

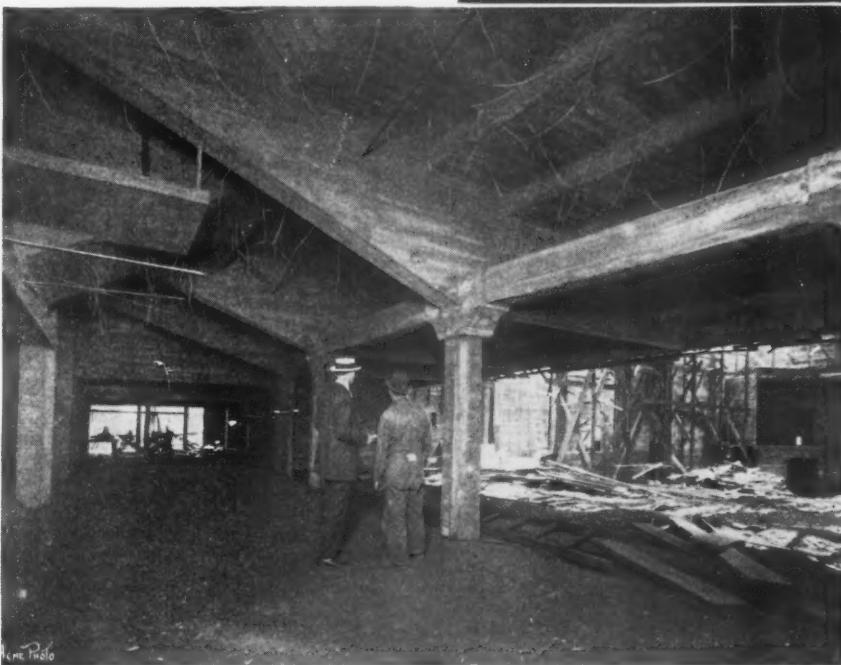
6-foot staircases. An easy angle, well back from the screen, gives ideal vision from the balcony seatings. This part of the house, which is a decided innovation in concrete construction is supported by four big reinforced concrete cantilever beams. There is an overhang of 18 feet which obviates the necessity of supporting columns beneath, and the following obstruction to the view of the people seated back of them. There is a seating accommodation of 334 persons in the balcony.



The Ancient Egyptian Style Was Adopted as a Model and the Result Is Entirely Satisfactory, Both from the Standpoint of Beauty and Practical Advantages.

of fireproof construction and thermostatic control makes it possible for a complete change of 96,000 cubic feet of fresh air every three minutes. Oil fuel is used for heating purposes, giving a comfortable degree of warmth at all times. Heating and ventilation was designed by Jay H. Keller, heating engineer, while the heating and plumbing fixtures were installed by Fox & Co., both firms of Portland.

The theater is approached by a spacious lobby. Plate glass doors divide it from the outer foyer, which in turn is separated from the foyer proper by a set of doors of identical material. The main foyer is 65 feet long and 15 feet wide. Near the balcony is a place for parking baby car-



Another Detail of Construction Showing How the Balcony Is Supported by Reinforced Concrete Cantilever Beams, with an Overhang of 18 Feet Which Obviates the Necessity of Supporting Columns Beneath.

riages, a check room and the ladies' rest rooms, while at the far end are the men's toilets. On either side of the orchestra pit are lavatory facilities for boys and girls, and adjacent to these points, in the side aisles, drinking fountains. On a mezzanine floor on the balcony level are the ladies' rest rooms proper and a reception room. The manager's office, which is situated in the front part of the building, affords a complete view of the lobby at all times, and connects with all parts of the house. The seats and stage curtain, as well as the decorations were installed by Shearer & Co., of Seattle, Wash.

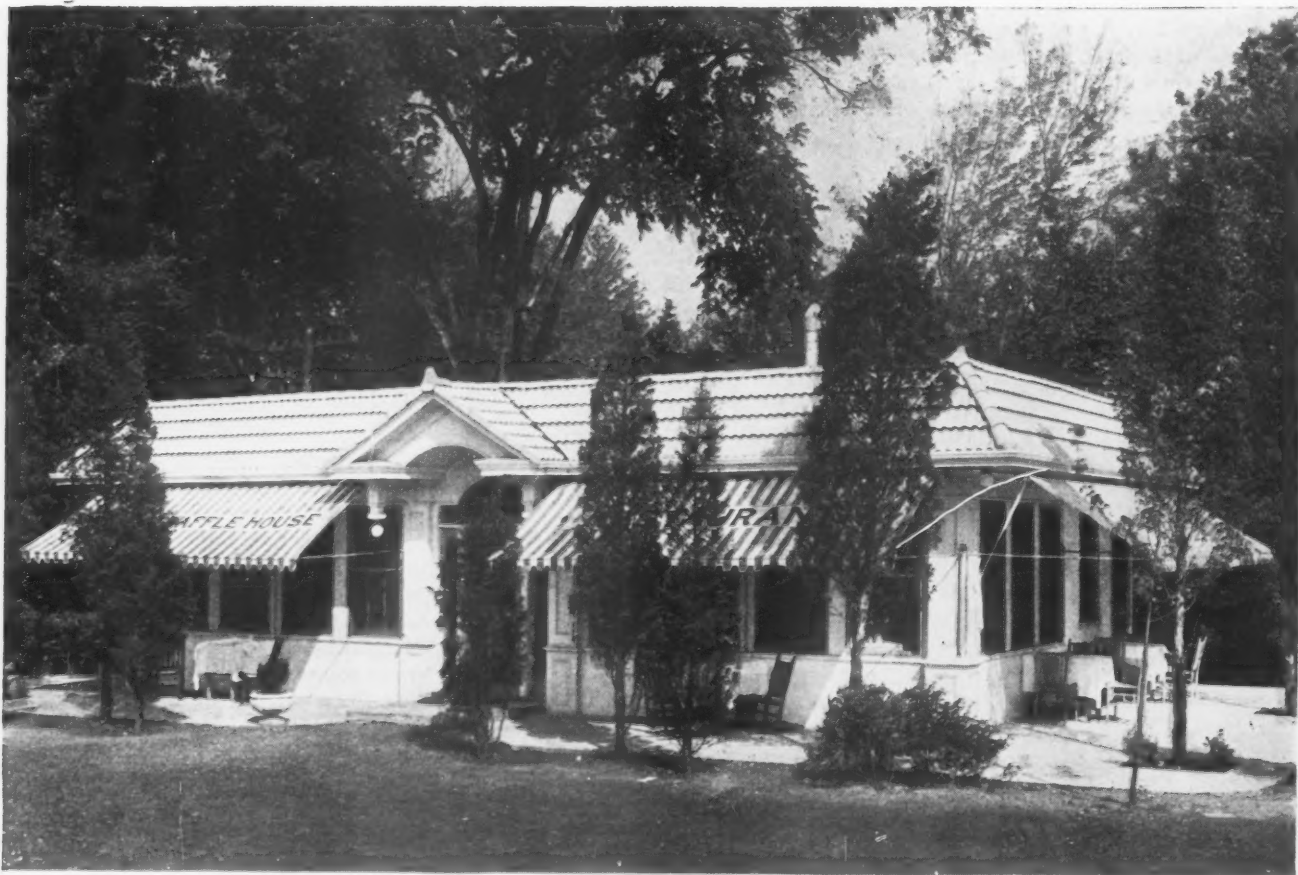
Of particular interest is the system of illumination in the Egyptian Theater. The lighting arrangement is such that a person may see about the house easily during a performance and at the same time not be discomfited by having the screening of the picture injured in the slightest degree. None of the usual electric lighting fixtures are in view, as illumination is afforded mostly by the indirect method, which imparts a soft glow very pleasing with the blue, and autumn-colored bronze ornamentations. The rough plaster finish walls have the appearance of golden tapestry. NePage McKenny Company performed all wiring, while the



Another View of the Lobby of the Egyptian Theatre Profusely Decorated with Flowers to Welcome the Earliest Visitors to This Beautiful Place of Entertainment.

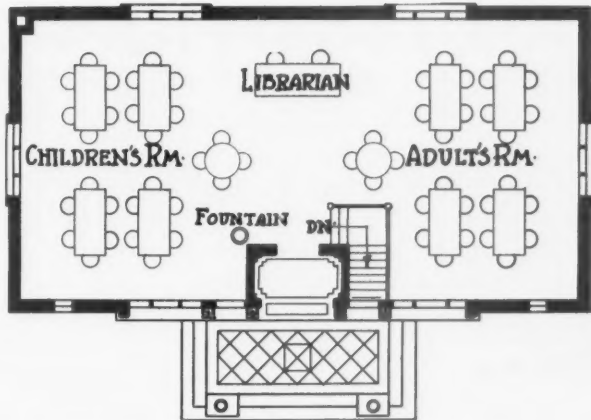
David L. Hoggan Company were responsible for the exceptionally fine plaster work in this very interesting motion picture theatre.

## A Place of Business Which Fits Its Setting

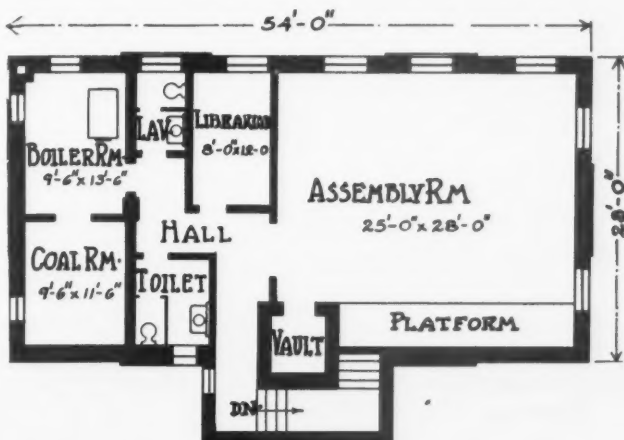


Beauty Is an Asset in Business Buildings as Well as in Homes. Here is an example of what may be done to make a restaurant, or for that matter any place of business in parks or with a natural setting of trees, a pleasing part of its surroundings. Awnings, shrubbery, and well placed trees invite the passerby to stop and become a patron.

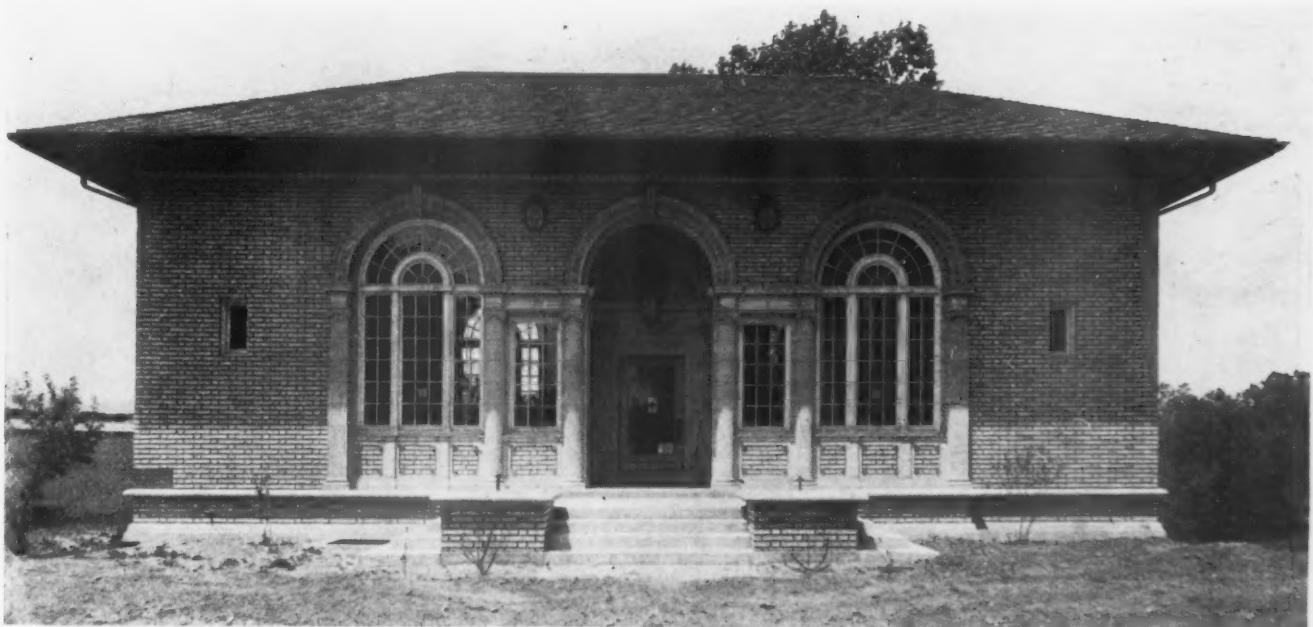
# Littleton's Model Small Library



The Floor Plan, of Course, Is Simple, but the Arrangement Is Well Adapted to Service the Intended Purpose.



That Part of the Basement Which Is Not Required for Coal and Boiler Rooms, Toilets and Librarian's Office, Is Well Utilized as an Assembly Room.



Even the Small Town May Have a Library Building to Be Proud of. Littleton, Colo., a village of 1,500 population, built this library at a cost of \$8,000. It is a fine example of what can be done on a small scale in combining utility and artistic design in small public buildings. The main entrance, above, is especially worthy of note, carrying an air of dignity without being heavy in proportion to the building as a whole. J. B. Benedict, Denver, Colo., architect.





# HOMES in COLORS

## *Home Building—the Greatest Fun in the World*

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD

*President and Editor-in-Chief  
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Golf is all right.

And motoring is all right.

But say, for downright joy and satisfaction just try home building!

You begin this game by studying plan books and snooping around into every new house you see going up. Very likely you start a scrap book of clippings—each with a different sort of an idea about home planning or building, or decorations, or furnishings.

Then you consult some man in the building business who you think may know more about the technical details than you do. He may be an architect, a builder or a building material dealer, and you find him ready to help and full of enthusiasm for the home building idea.

Good progress is made under the guidance of this friendly advisor and in due course the plans are worked out, all details decided and the big day of breaking ground finally comes.

The game of home building is turning dreams into realities, and there is no keener enjoyment in life than that of

creation. To turn hopes and plans into solid walls and a tight roof, and sunshiny rooms looking out onto a garden is *real creation*—I care not how small the home or how limited in its features.

Then you watch your new home grow! Some days a lot of progress is made; and sometimes when you come onto the job at night, after the workmen have gone home, to check up on what they have been doing, you can hardly find anything new to represent the day's work; yet you know it must be there.

And then finally the house is finished—the builder says "finished" and pulls out, and you get ready to move in.

Then the real fun begins: "*Finished*," you discover, simply means that the stage has been set for YOU to get busy. Cleaning up, grading up, planting, decorating, draperies, here a new rug and there a new piece of furniture—all of these are day-by-day challenges to your energies, your taste and your creative imagination. You get in your friends to help and everyone has a fine time.

Talk about golf for reducing the waistline! Try a 12-inch shovel in mixed clay and loam on the neat little job of building an 18-inch terrace or of fashioning a rock garden!

Home building is the greatest fun in the world; it takes you out into the open air, and then brings you back inside again into real home comfort and satisfaction.



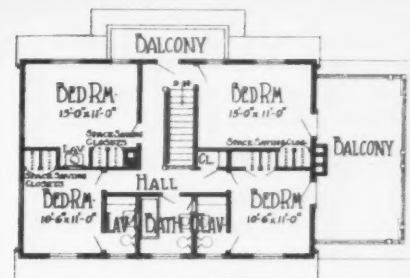
Grand Sport for All—Good Health—Activity—Accomplishment—That's the New Home!



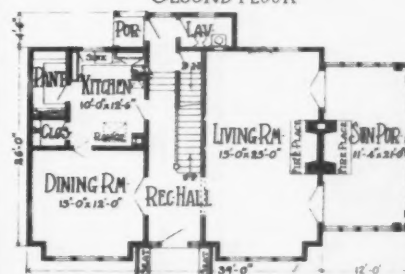
## The Forestville

**A** DUTCH Colonial home of generous size with extra spacious living room and attached sun parlor. The upper floor contains two large bedrooms and two smaller ones. Note the generous provision of bathrooms and lavatories in this plan. A corner of the cheerful sun porch is illustrated in the color sketch and an interesting pergola shelter for a rear porch is presented.

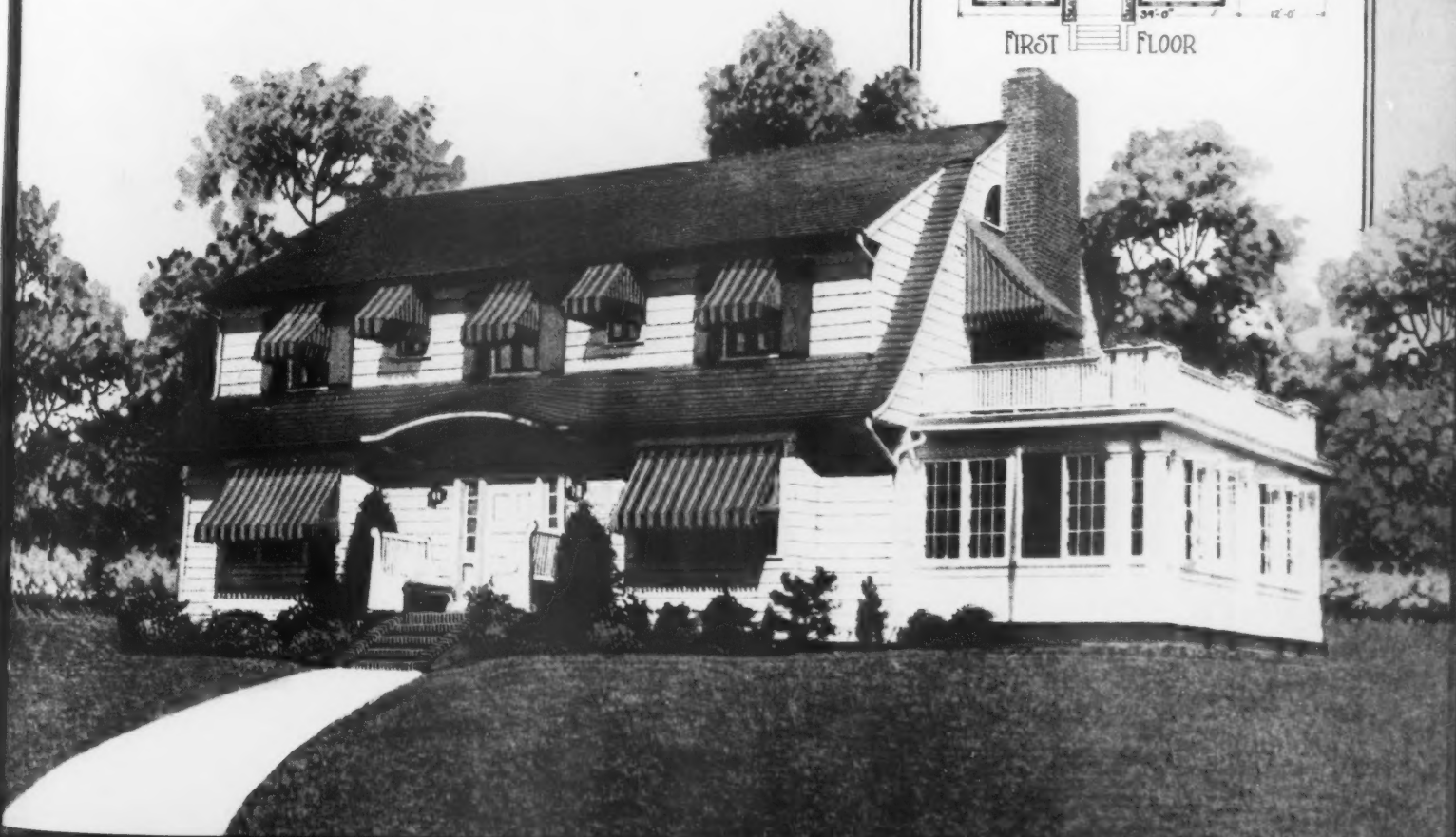
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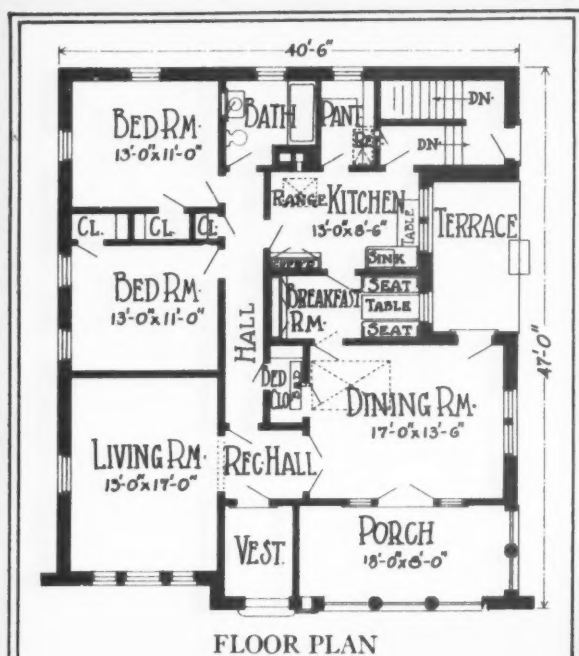
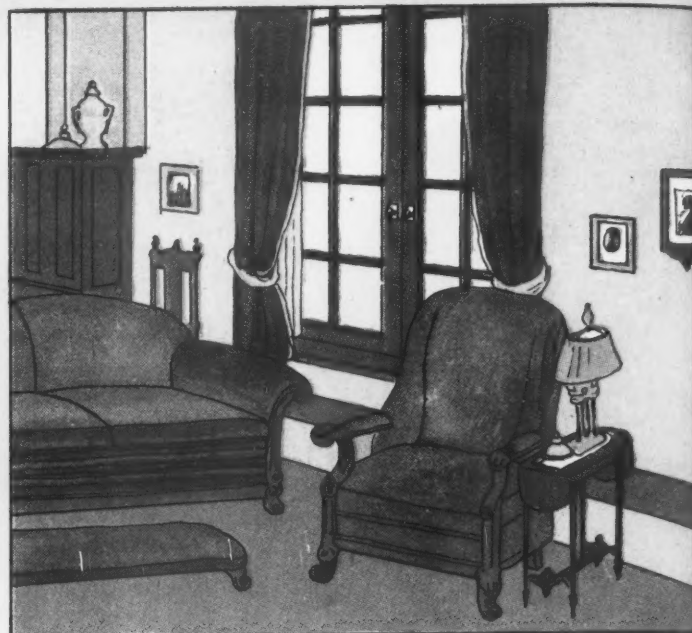
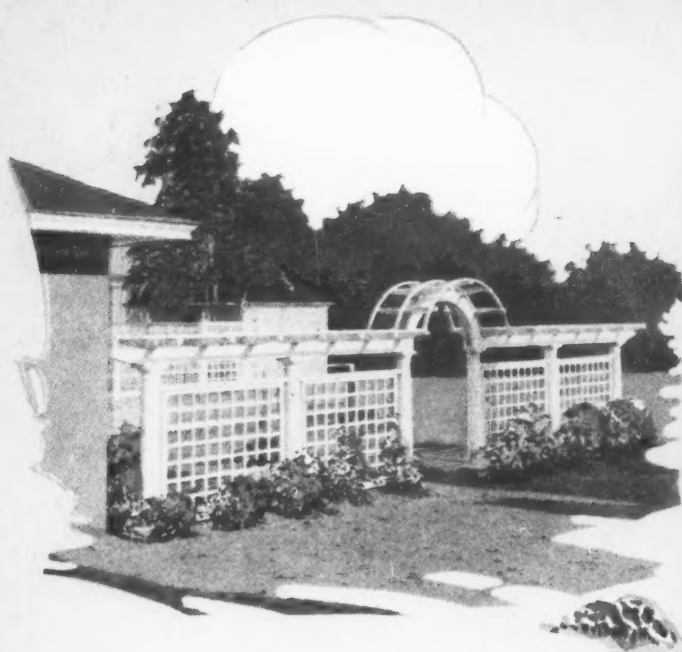
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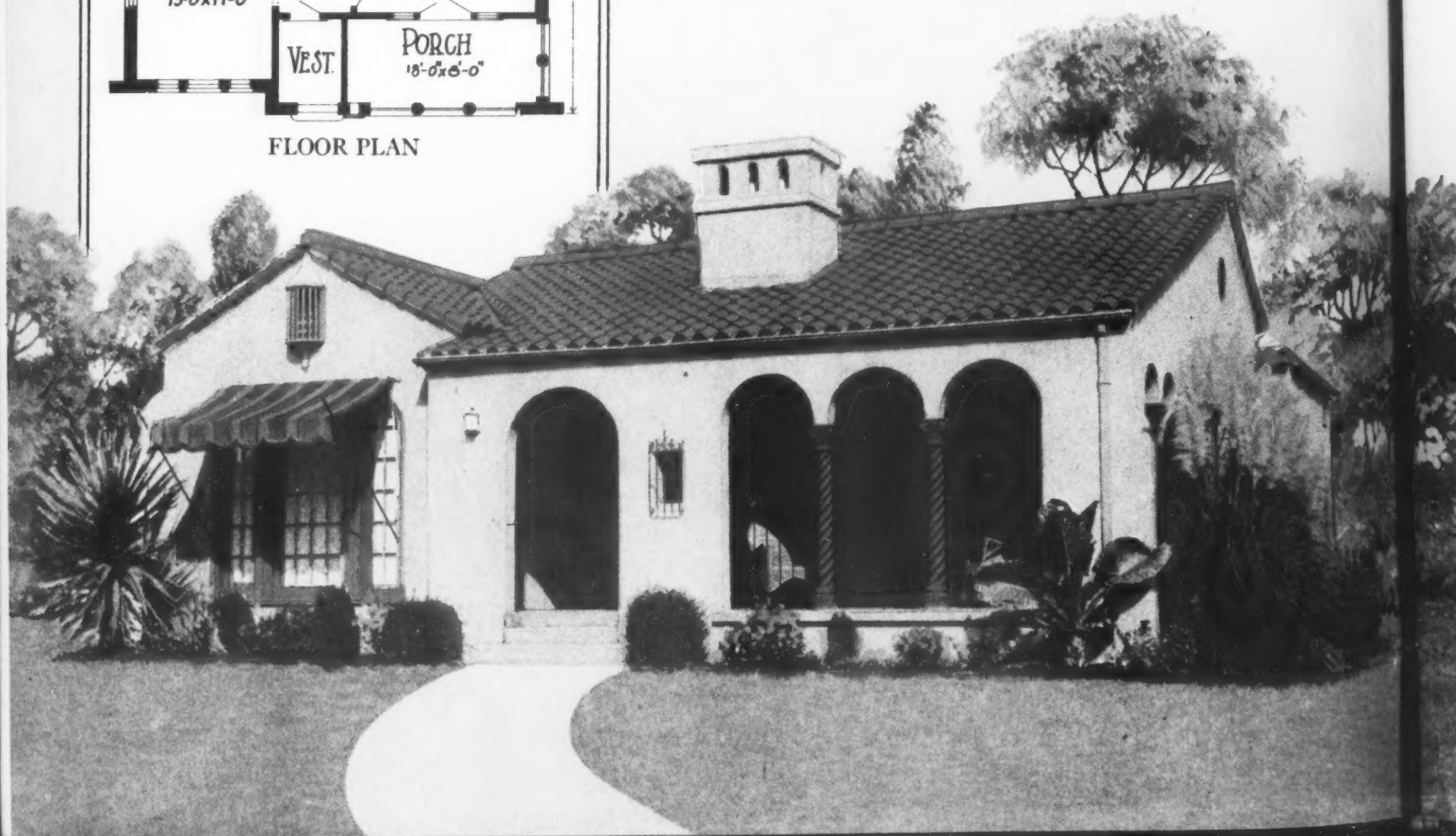




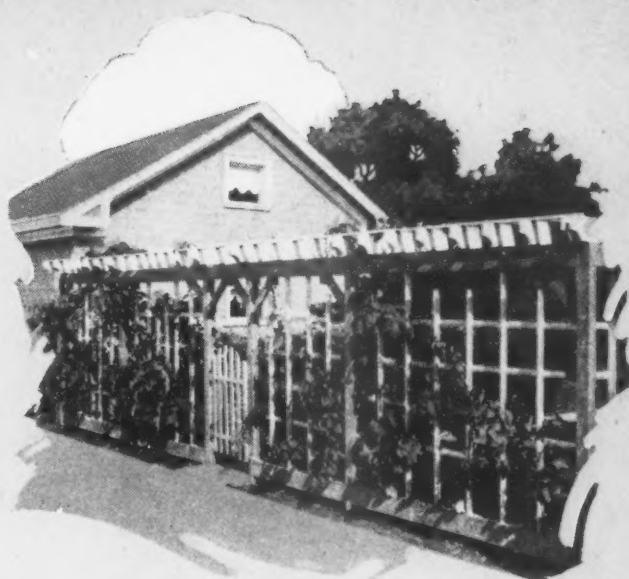
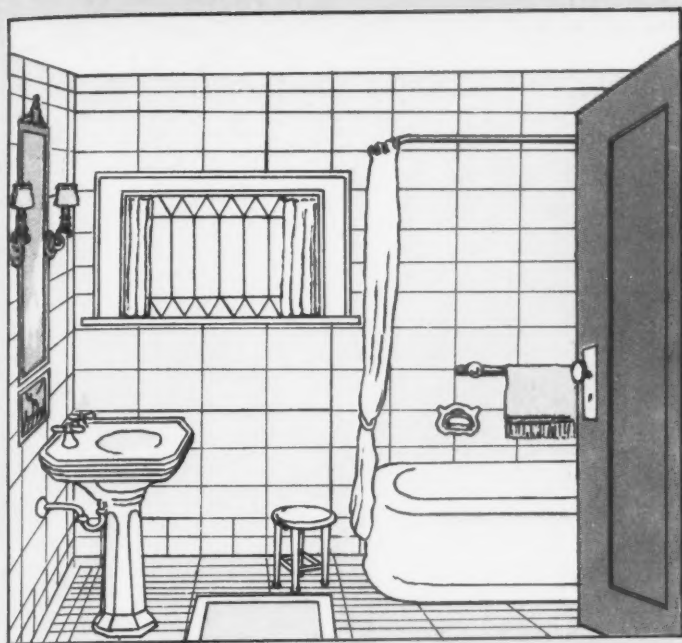


## The Fontana

A SPANISH design of true southern charm, yet planned to withstand the rigors of a northern climate, is presented in this delightful five-room home. A disappearing bed in the dining room gives this house six-room efficiency and there is also the much favored little breakfast-room very conveniently placed. The color sketch suggests a rich treatment for the living room. An ornamental fence with graceful arch entrance is also presented.

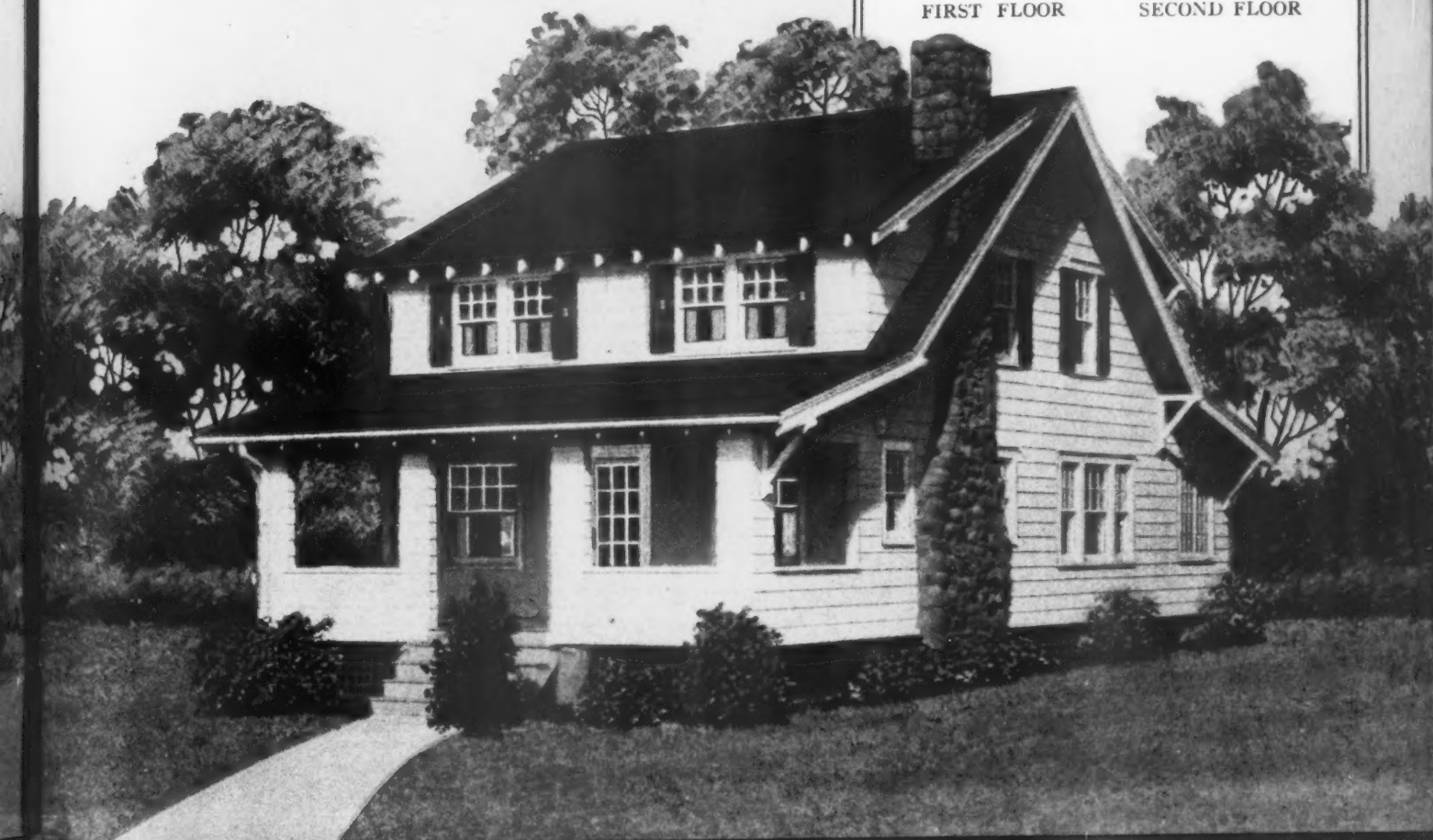
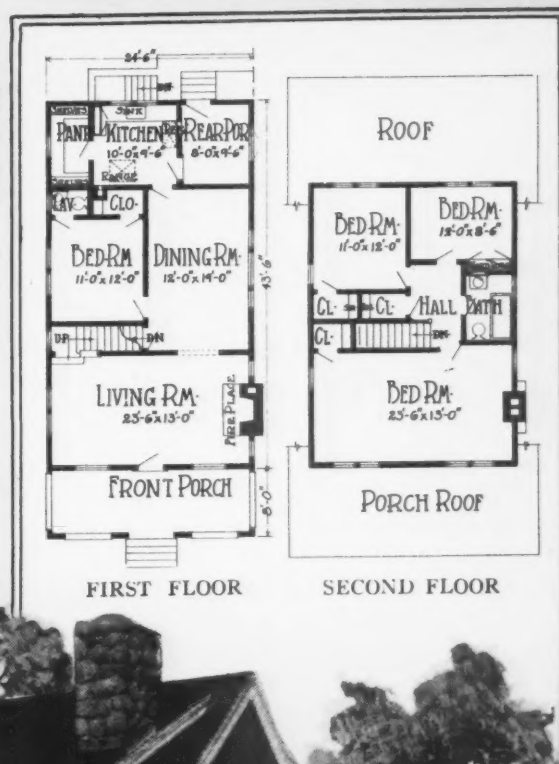


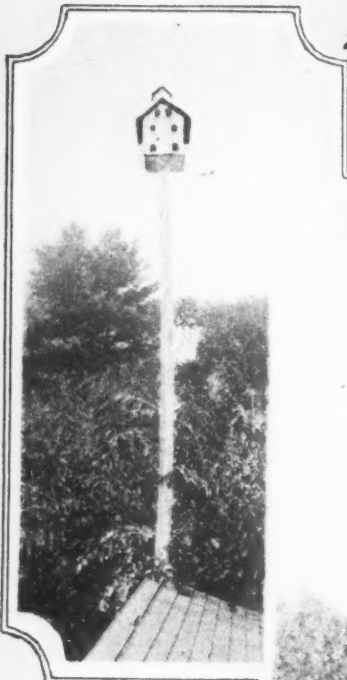
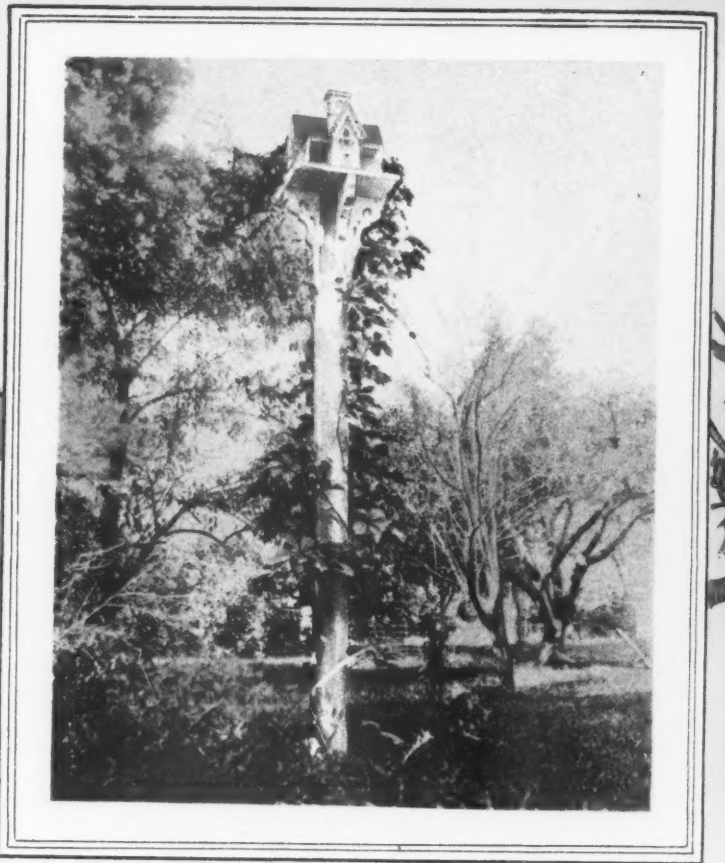
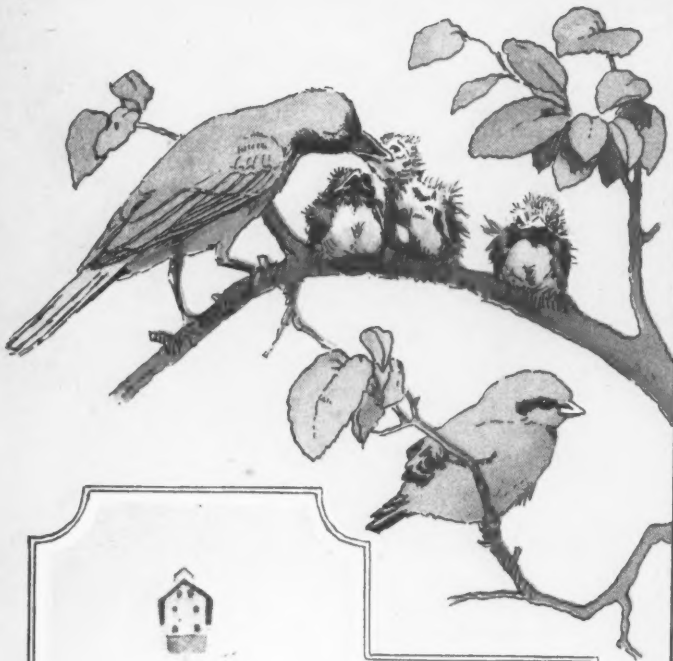




## The Farnham

**A** DELIGHTFUL story-and-a-half bungalow of Colonial lines, yet retaining much of the old-style popular western bungalow flavor. Five rooms are provided on the first floor and three upstairs. Color sketch shows modern bathroom with walls of glass slabs. A very charming grape-vine support with pergola top may unite house and garage as illustrated to the right.

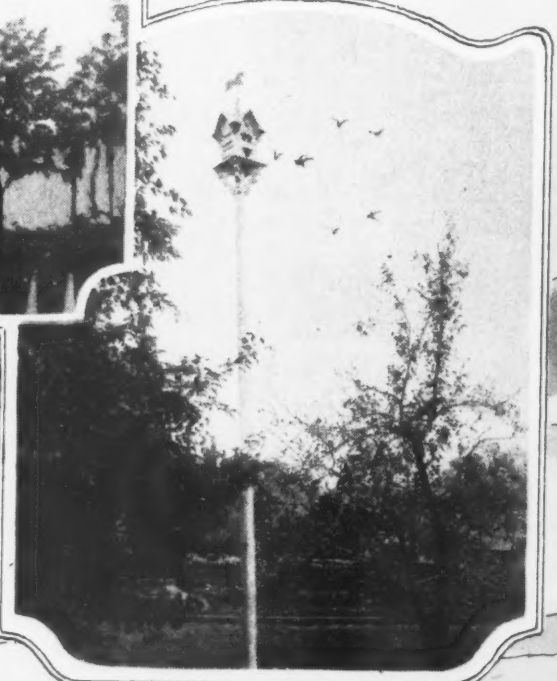




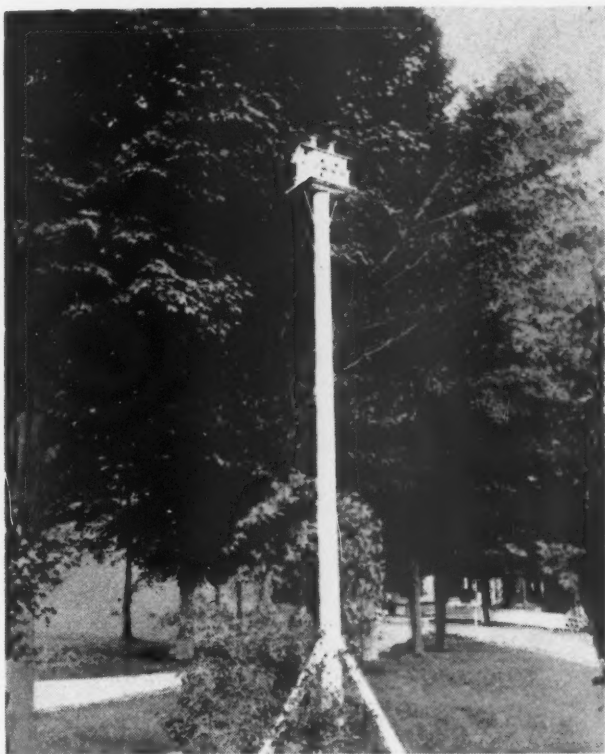
## Homes for

YOU will find the building of bird houses and the methods of attracting birds a most fascinating study. The U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 609 says:

"Birds may be gathered about us in all seasons of the year with ease and certainty merely by offering what they desire. In winter they are often pushed for food, and if we supply this need they will report daily at the lunch counter and help to relieve the tedium of our indoor life. In summer they care less for food provided by their human friends, and other means must be sought to attract them about the home. They appreciate fresh water for bathing and







## *the Birds*

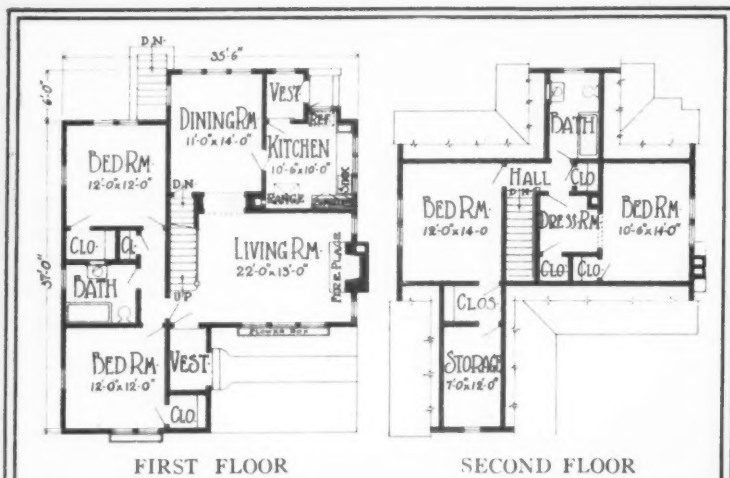
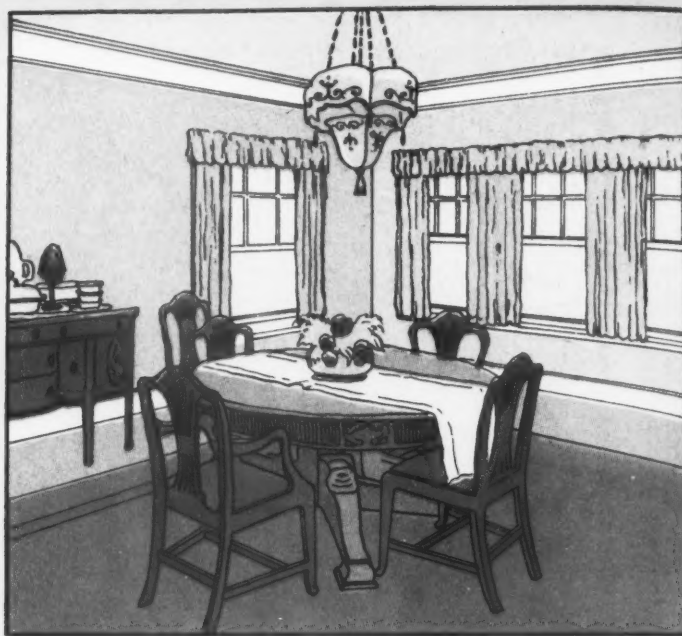
drinking. A shallow pool of varying depth, if only a foot across, becomes on hot days a center of attraction for all the birds in the vicinity. If safe retreats are furnished in which birds can rear their young comfortably, most of them will be occupied. In fact no attraction for summer birds is more effectual than a series of houses suited to the needs and habits of the various kinds of house birds.

"The practice of erecting bird houses in this country, while now nation-wide is not so common and uniformly distributed as it should be, and more extended provisions of this nature can not fail to result in a largely increased number of house birds."

Bird house photos by  
Mrs. Linn White.



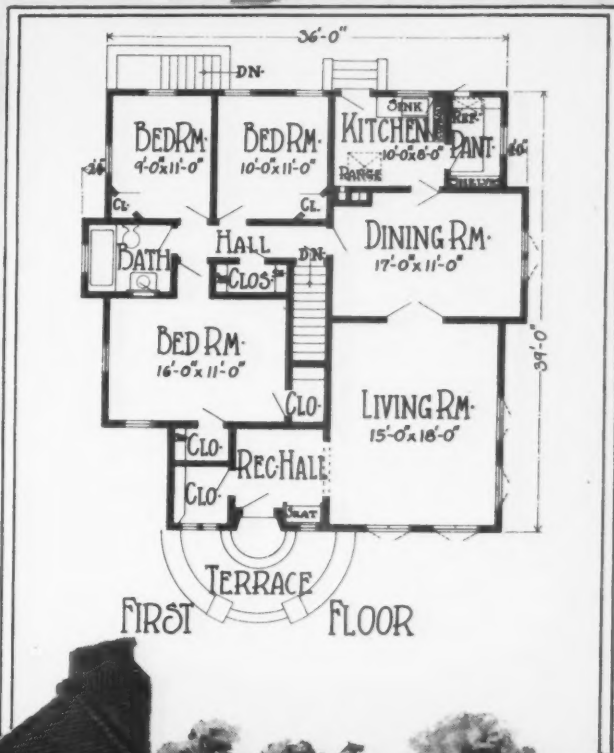
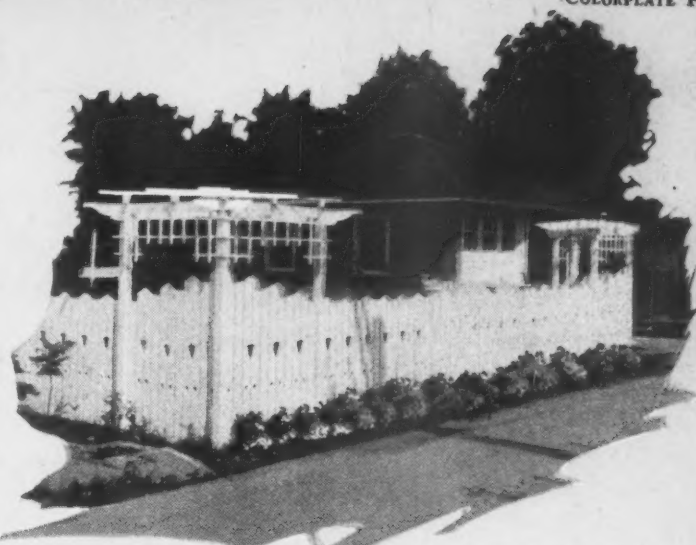
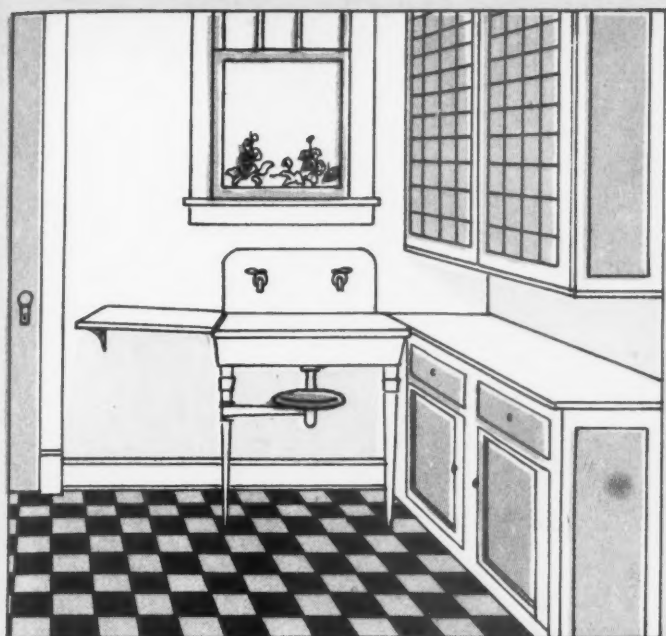




## The Fayette

A DESIGN of delightful French atmosphere containing five rooms on the ground floor besides two bedrooms, bathroom and large storage space up under the roof. Color sketch above suggests an attractive dining room arrangement. To the left is a gateway of character in keeping with this home design.



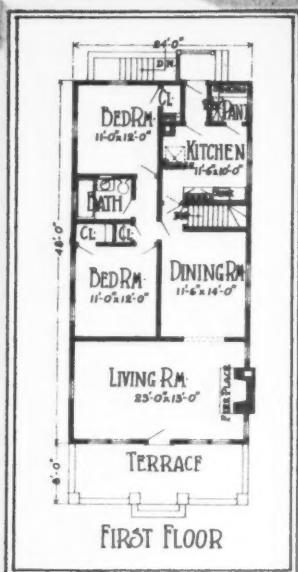
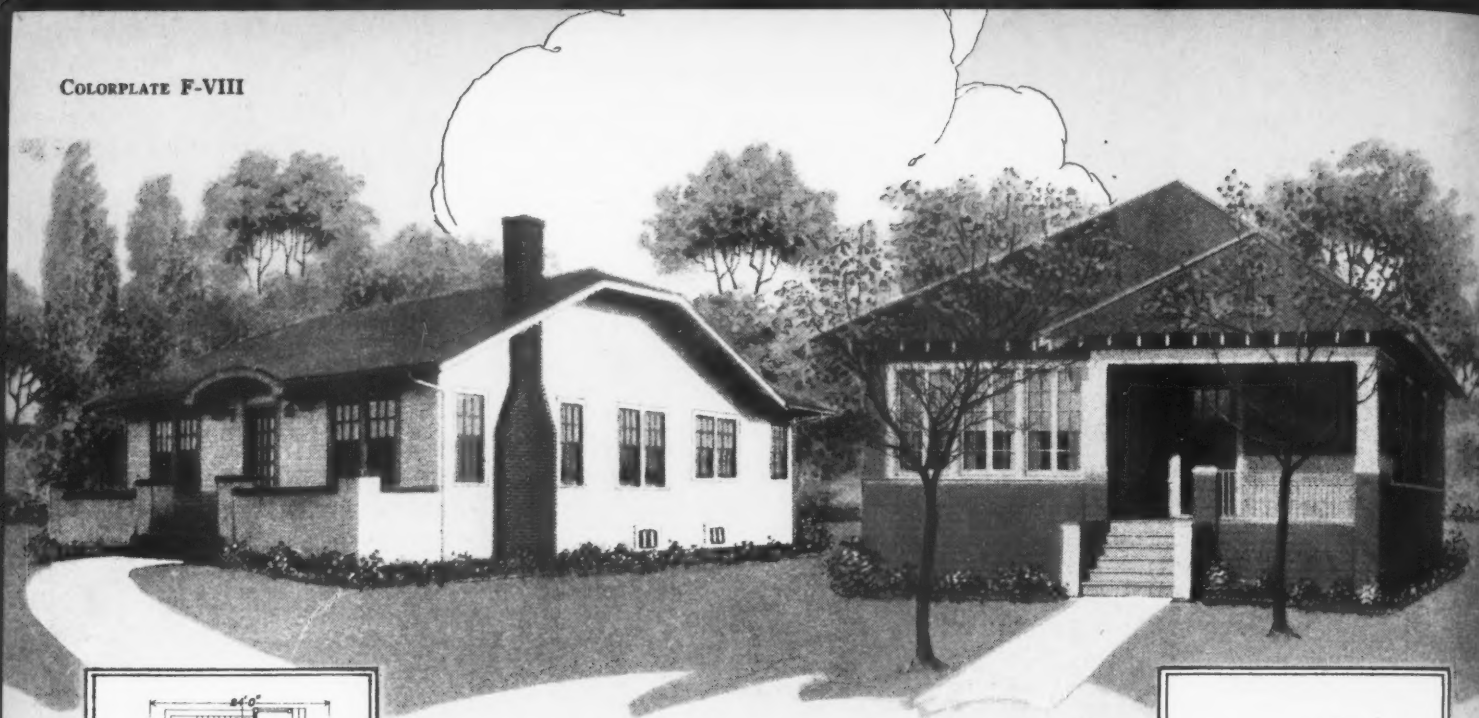


## The Fredonia

A STUCCO cottage of distinctly foreign flavor containing six well arranged rooms. Color sketch shows efficiency fittings for the modern kitchen. To the right is pictured an attractive ornamental fence with an unusual feature of pergola roofed corners.





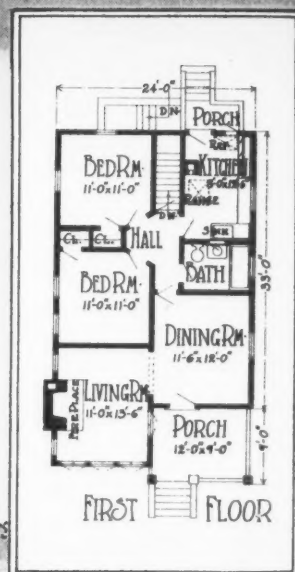


### *The Fairfield*

Five rooms and an open terrace front porch. Size of house 24 by 48 feet.

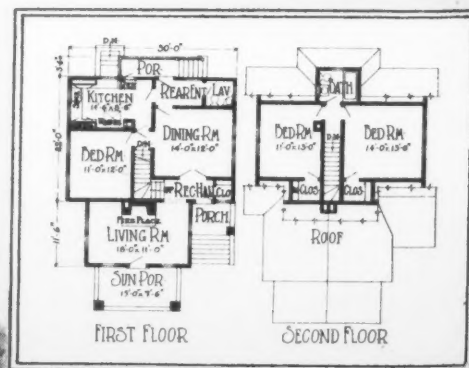
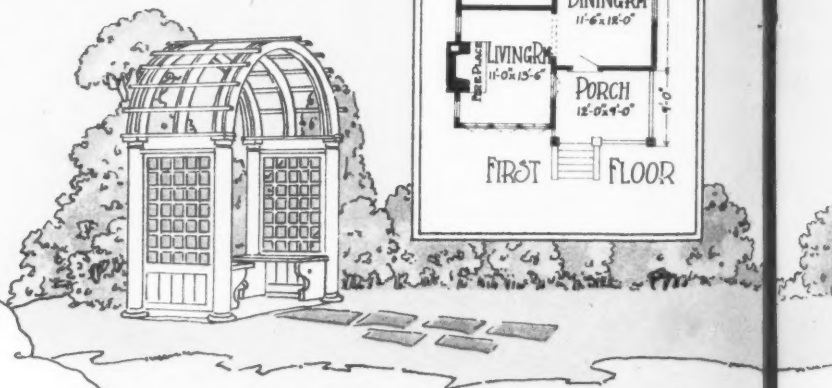
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Five room home. Size 24 by 40 feet.

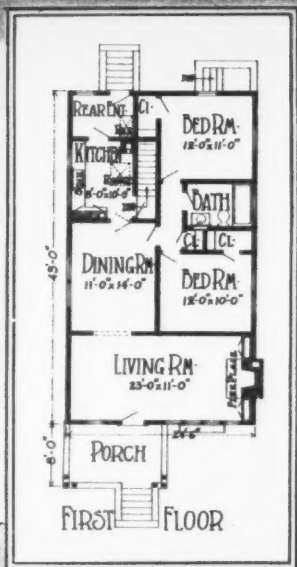


### *The Fruitland*

Story-and-a-half bungalow of six rooms. Two-car garage designed to harmonize.

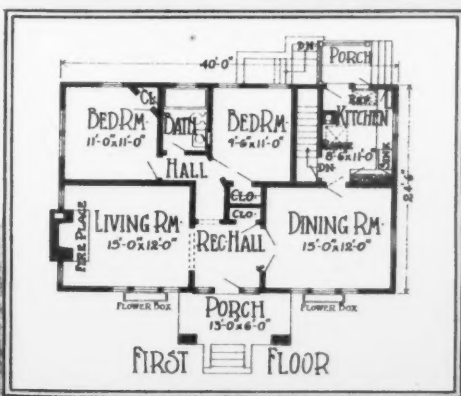
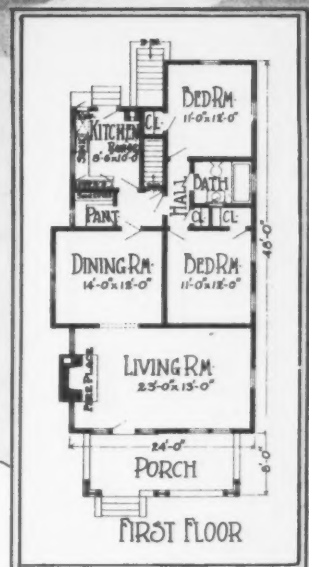






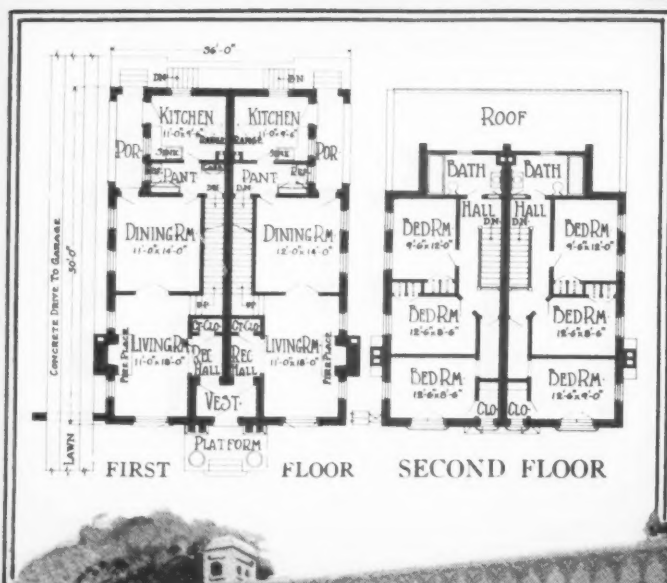
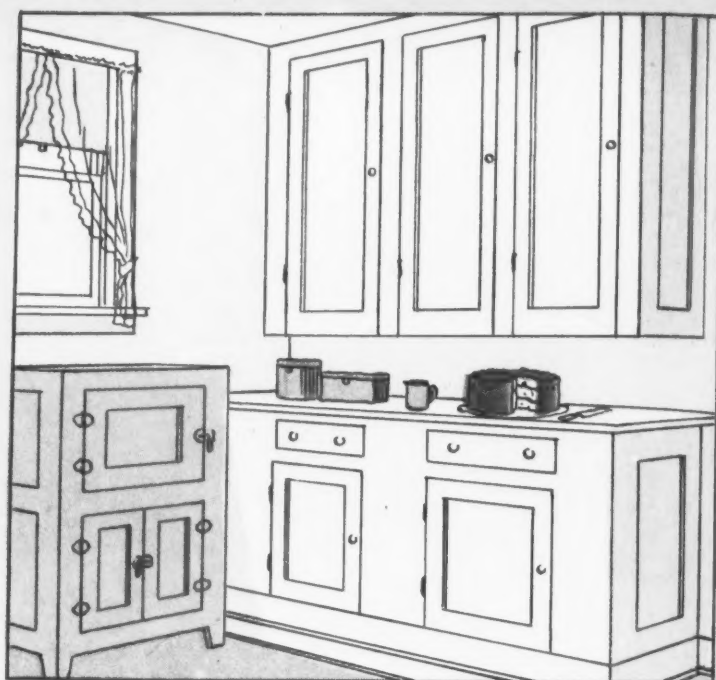
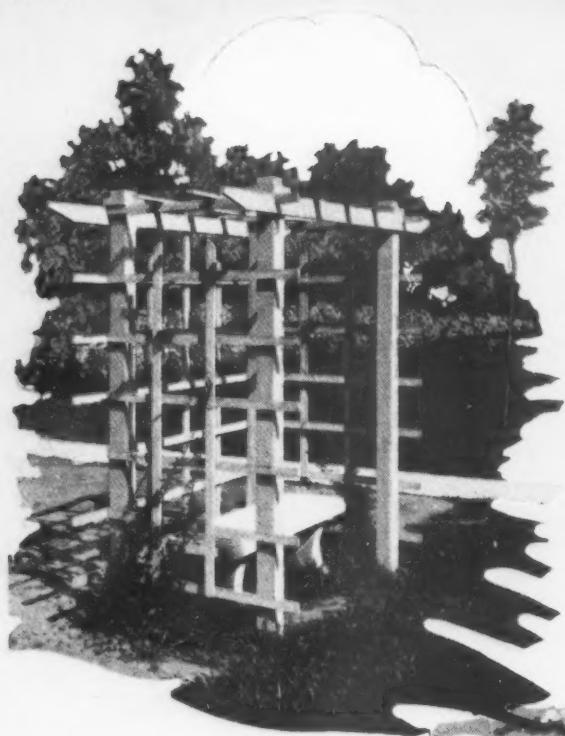
*The Fargo*  
Five rooms, but only  
24 feet 6 inches wide.

*The Fillmore*  
A most attractive  
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rooms. Size is 24 feet  
by 48 feet.



*The Fernwood*  
Five rooms and bath. Size 40  
by 24 feet 6 inches.



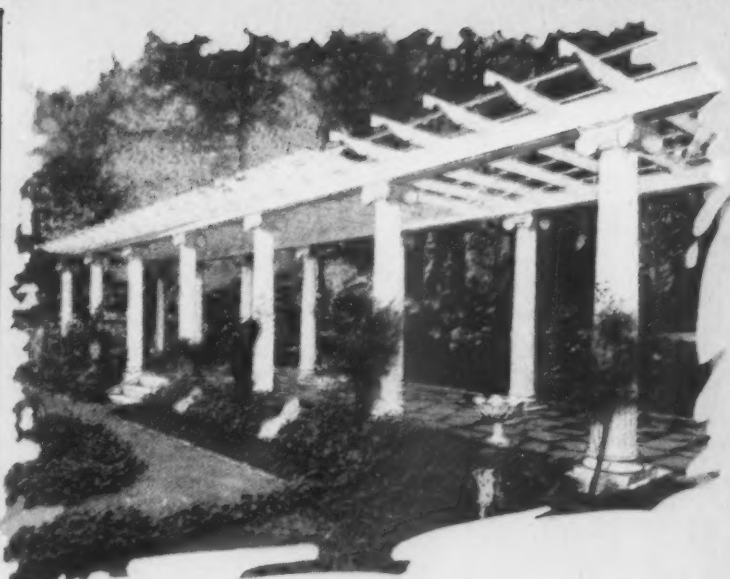
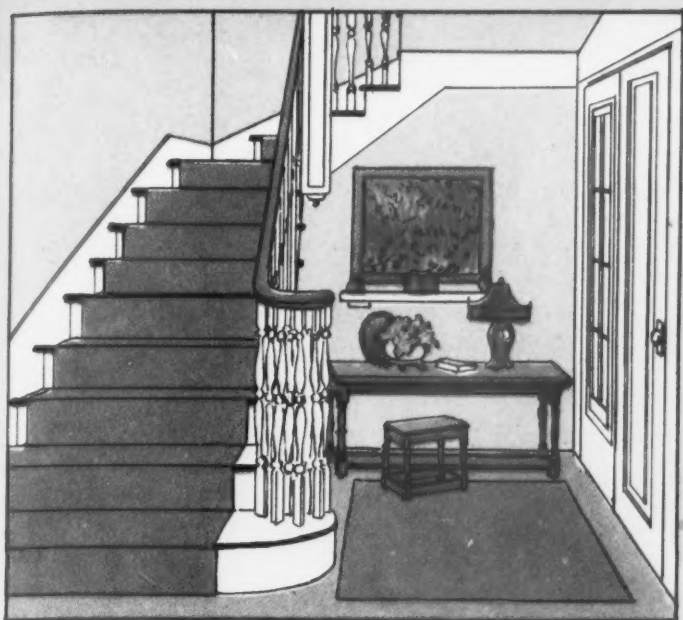


## The Fresno

**A**N attractive double house of Spanish design, each half containing six rooms and bath. The width of the building is only 36 feet which permits good light on all four sides. The color sketch above suggests the convenient arrangement of the pantries. A sheltered seat for the garden is also shown.

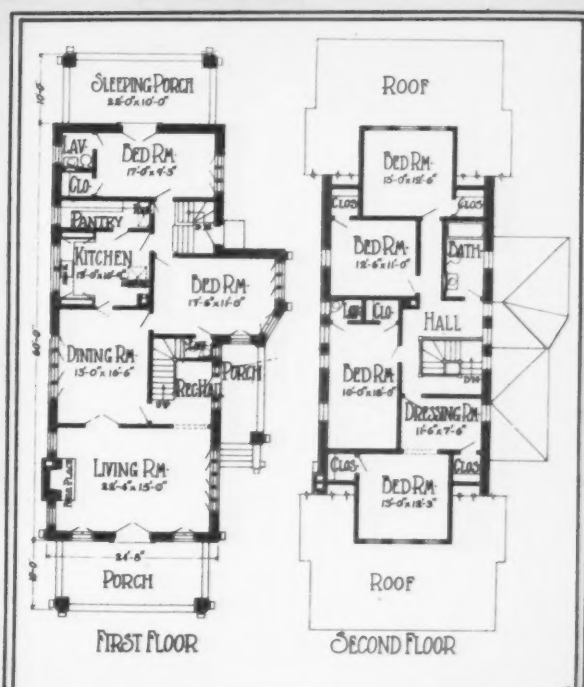






## The Fremont

A NINE-ROOM house especially planned for the narrow city lot—a brick bungalow of graceful and interesting lines. Color sketch shows attractively designed entrance stair hall. A pergola sheltered walk as illustrated to the right is a fine addition to the home grounds.







## Colonial

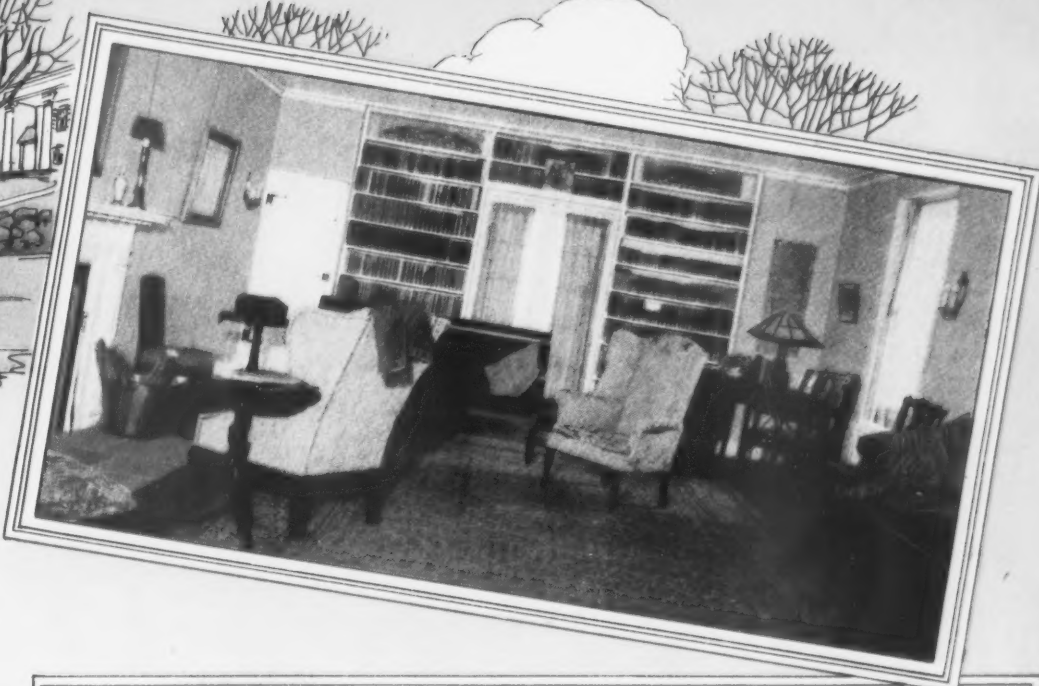
*A GROUP of casements (photo to left) arranged in pairs, and divided into small panes floods this breakfast room with cheerful sunshine. The jennetrellis is unusual for interior decoration, but here produces a delightful outdoor effect.*



*BELOW is pictured a graceful Colonial dining room, with circle head doors balanced each side of the fireplace. Note the hand wrought door hinges.*



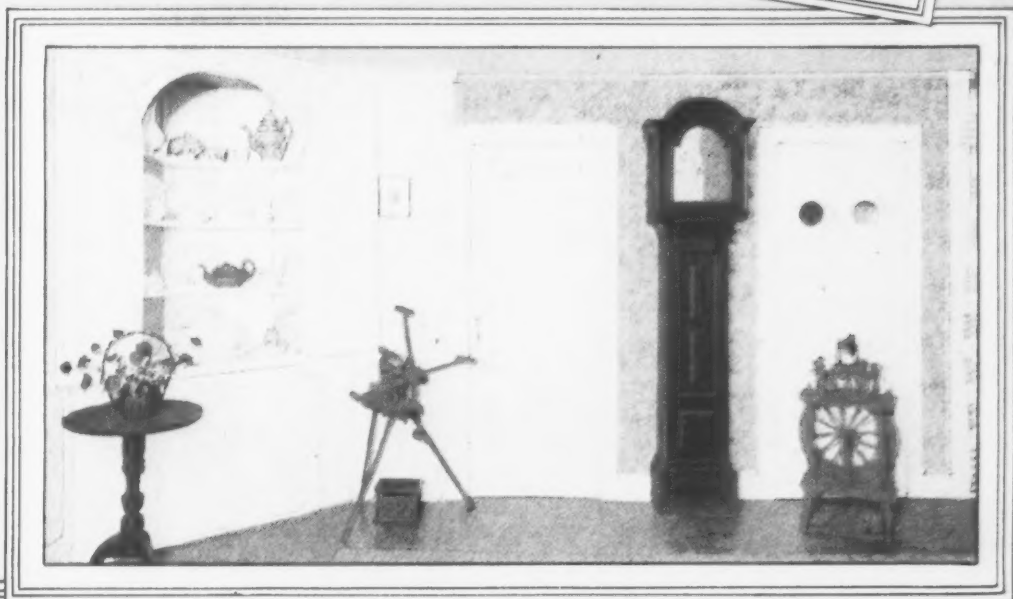
# Interiors



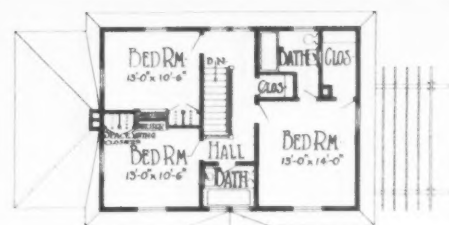
**OPEN** book shelves are typical of the Colonial home—and no other sort of bookcase is quite so decorative or so inviting. The library above and to right is a model.

**SPINNING** wheel, grandfather's clock, yarn measuring wheel, corner cupboard, and flower stand—all these are authentic Colonial details.

**BELOW** is shown a homelike living room furnished in the best taste to combine comfort and correct Colonial style.







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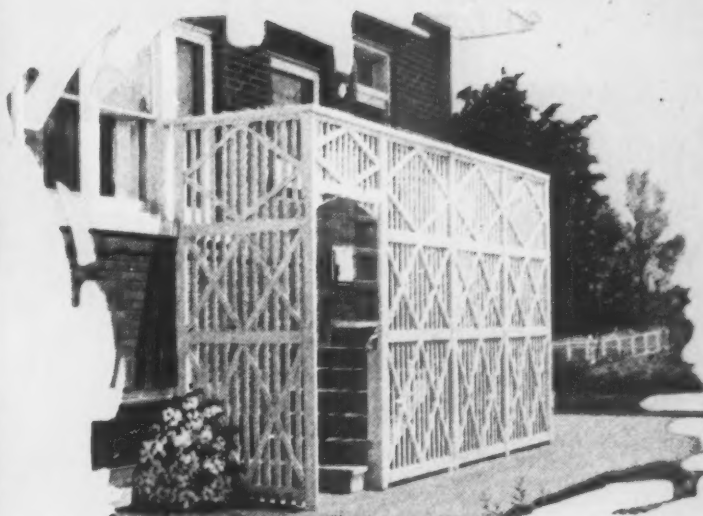
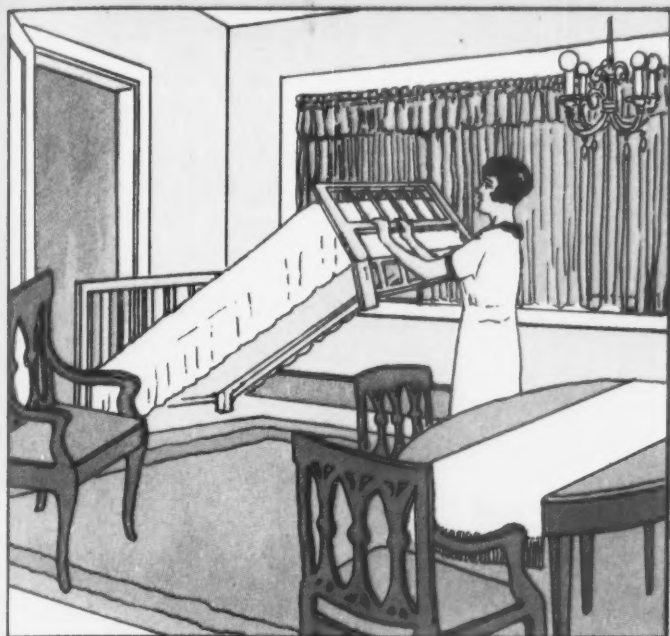
FIRST FLOOR

## The Franklin

**H**ERE is a clever little Colonial, small in cost but big in convenience and comfort. The main body of the house is 24 feet, 6 inches, by 35 feet, but the width across the front is greatly increased without much additional expense by the private porch and the pergola. The color sketch suggests proper decoration and furnishing for one of the bedrooms.

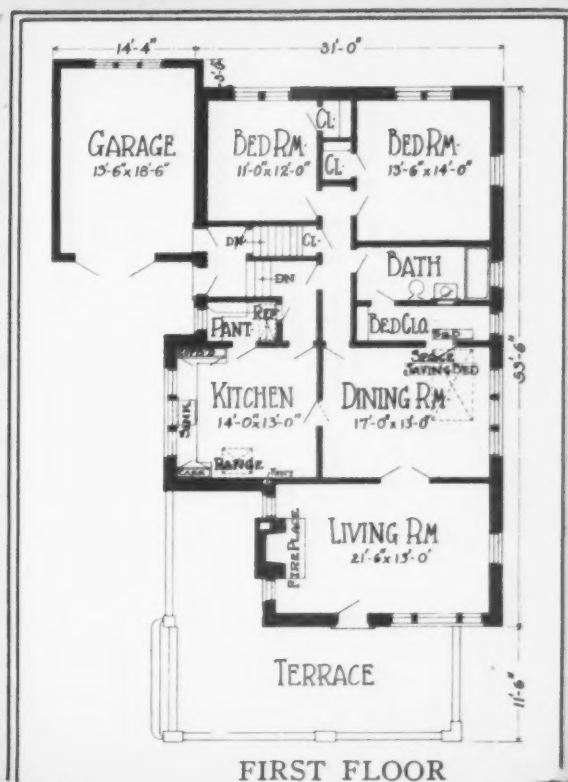


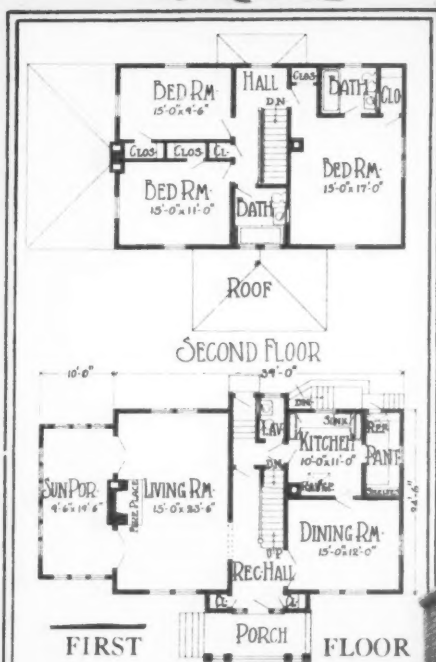
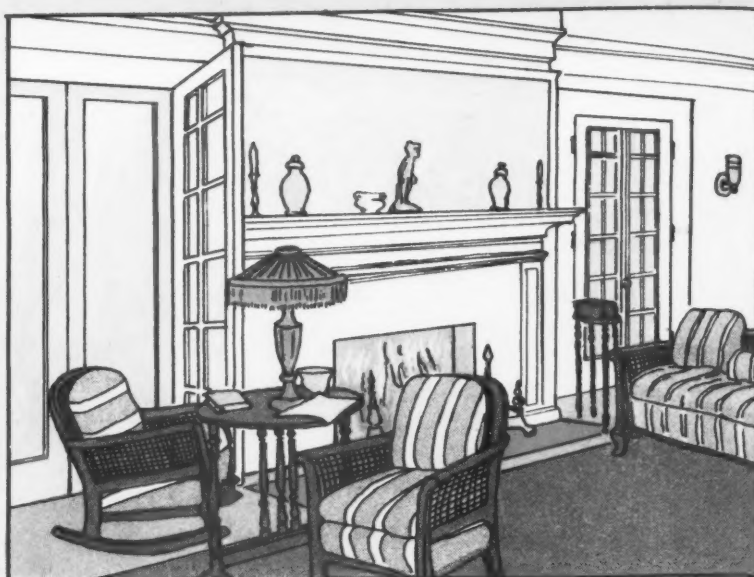
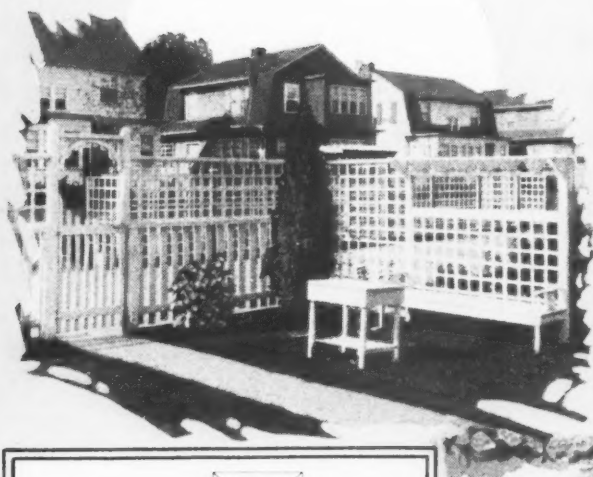




## The Flossmore

**A** COMFORTABLE brick bungalow of five rooms with attached garage to go nicely on a fifty-foot lot. Extra efficiency is given this house by the space-saving fold-away bed in the dining room with its large and conveniently placed bed-closet-dressing room. The operation of a bed of this type is illustrated in the color sketch above. An attractive lattice work screen for a kitchen entrance is shown to the right.





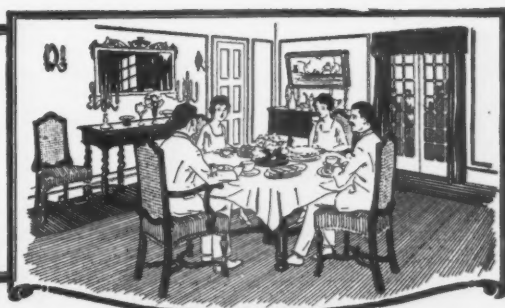
## The Frankfort

**A**N efficient, square, hip-roofed design of six fine rooms besides the big sun porch. Two bathrooms are provided on the second floor and a lavatory downstairs. There is solid comfort and great convenience in this fine home. The color sketch above suggests furnishings for the living room and to the left is an attractive lattice fence with ornamental gate-way and bench for lawn or garden.





# OUR FRONT COVER HOME



*Straight Gable Colonial Design is Liked by Everyone and Delivers Most House for the Money Invested*

**O**UR Front Cover Home for March is a delightful Colonial—white with green shades and an open entrance approached by brick steps and wrought iron hand rails in the approved Colonial manner.

This house measures 25 feet by 36 feet 6 inches; 9-foot ceilings for the first floor, 8-foot 6-inch ceilings for the second floor. So this is not a large house and should not be expensive to build. At the same time, a surprising amount of good, livable space is provided, as a study of the floor plans will show.

This design follows the approved arrangement, with central reception and stair hall, the space to the left being given over to the large living room, 14 by 25 feet, and the space to the right being shared between the dining room and the kitchen. Directly back of the reception hall is the service entrance and the stairs to the basement. On the second floor the stairs come right to give a central hall which really takes up little space and yet carries an impression of size and dignity. To the left of the hall is a large

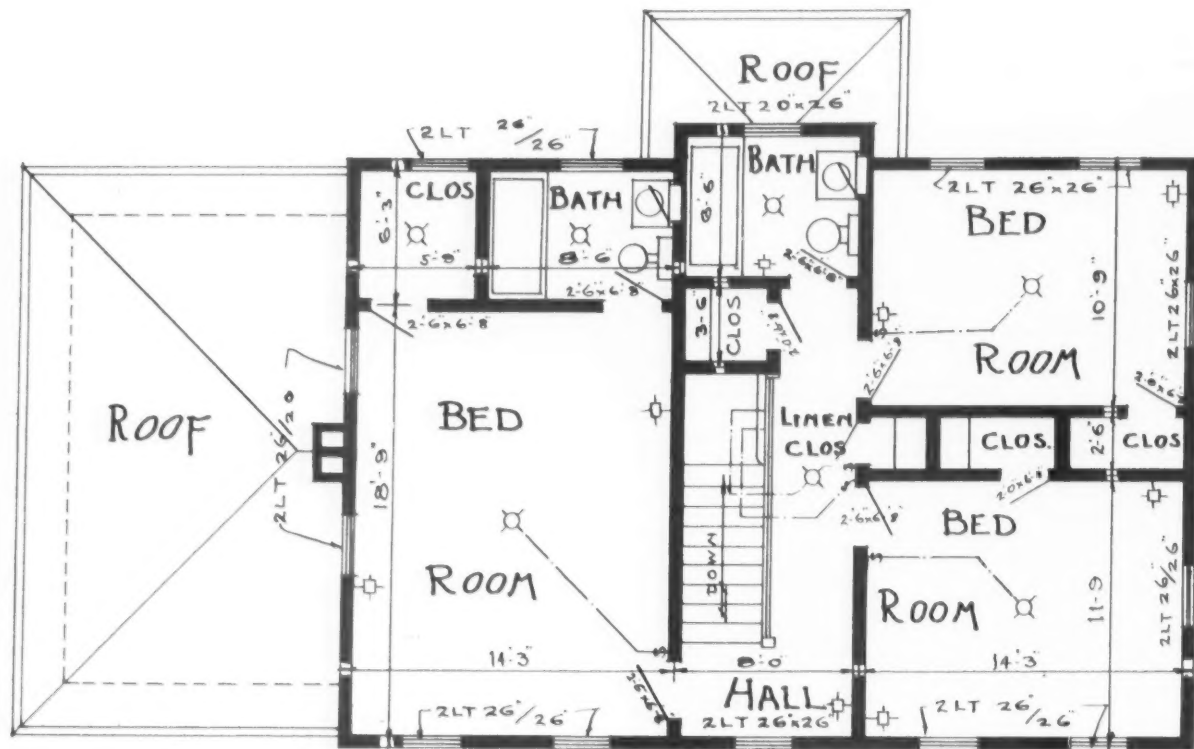
bedroom with private bath, and a large well-lighted clothes closet or dressing room. To the right of the hall are two smaller bedrooms, each with clothes closet. Two closets also open off the hall and the general bathroom is at the rear. The basement nicely provides for the laundry with set tubs and electric outlet for washing machine and electric irons. The heating plant is at the other end of the basement near the fuel room, which is provided under the side porch. This would be convenient either for storage of coal or for oil tanks and pumping equipment if fuel oil is to be used.

The four pages of working drawings which follow are very practical, in that they are presented here to an exact scale as marked and are complete enough so that this beautiful Front Cover Home could be actually built from these plans if desired. The construction details on sheet 3 give story heights, slope of roof and all necessary information concerning the construction of this home.

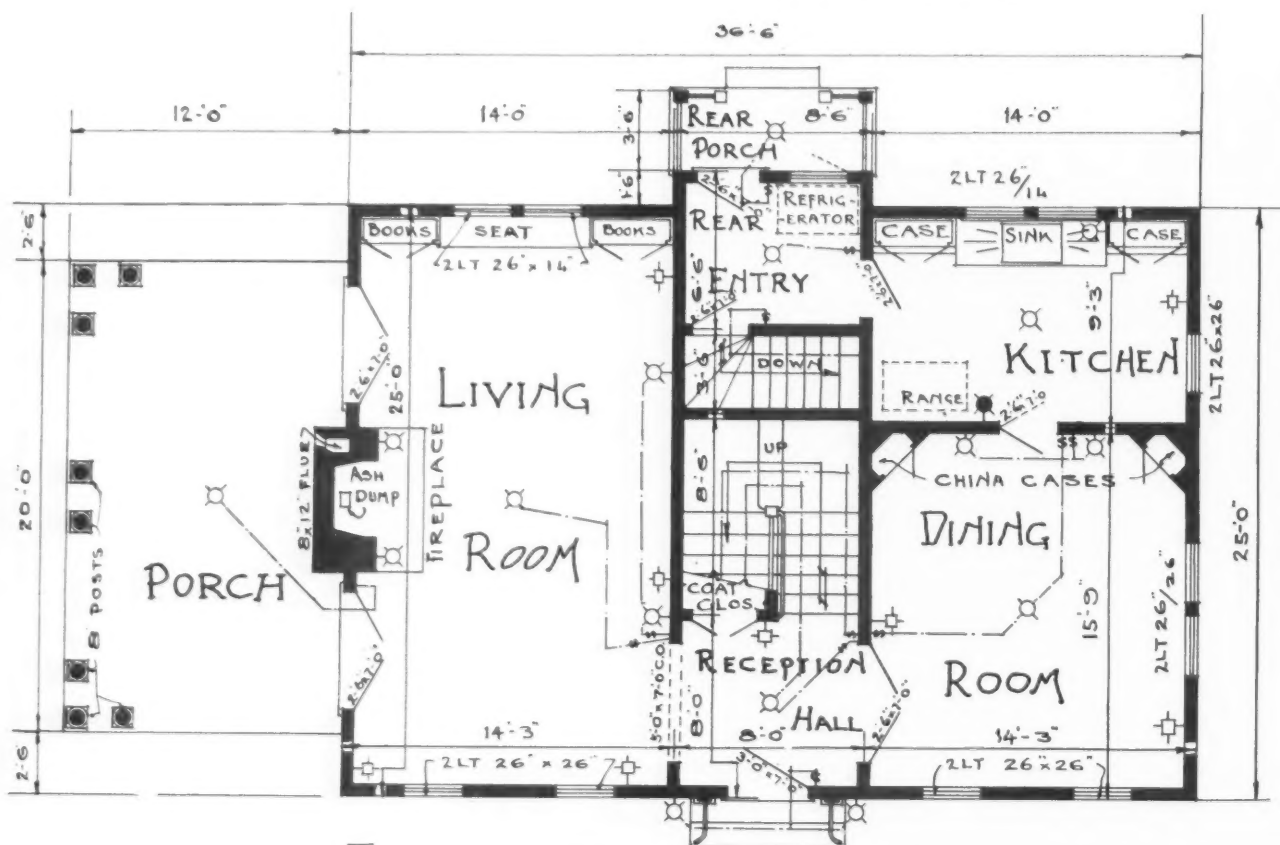


In Colonial Style, White with Green Shutters, Brick Steps and Wrought Iron Hand Rails to the Entrance, the Front Cover Home Is Roomy but Inexpensive. Working plans for this house are shown on the next four pages.





SECOND FLOOR PLAN

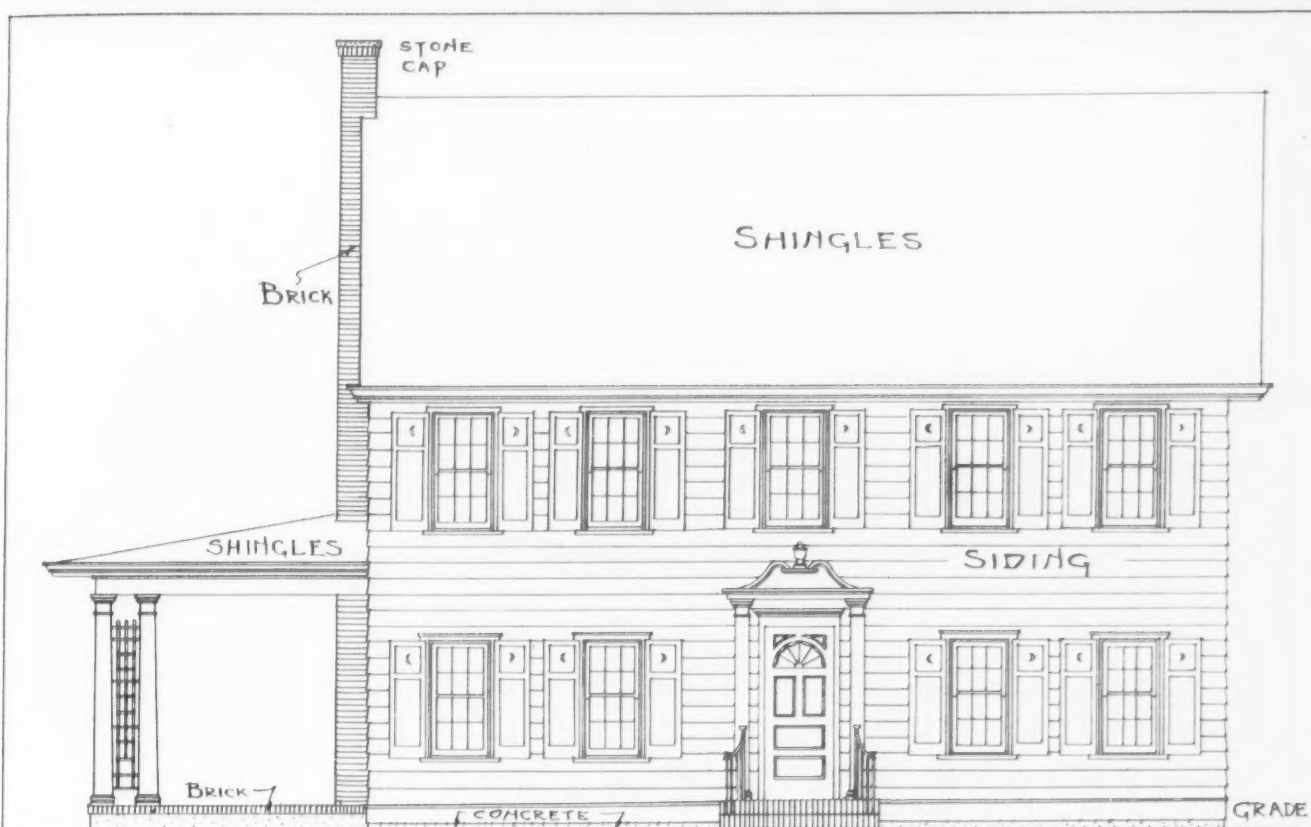


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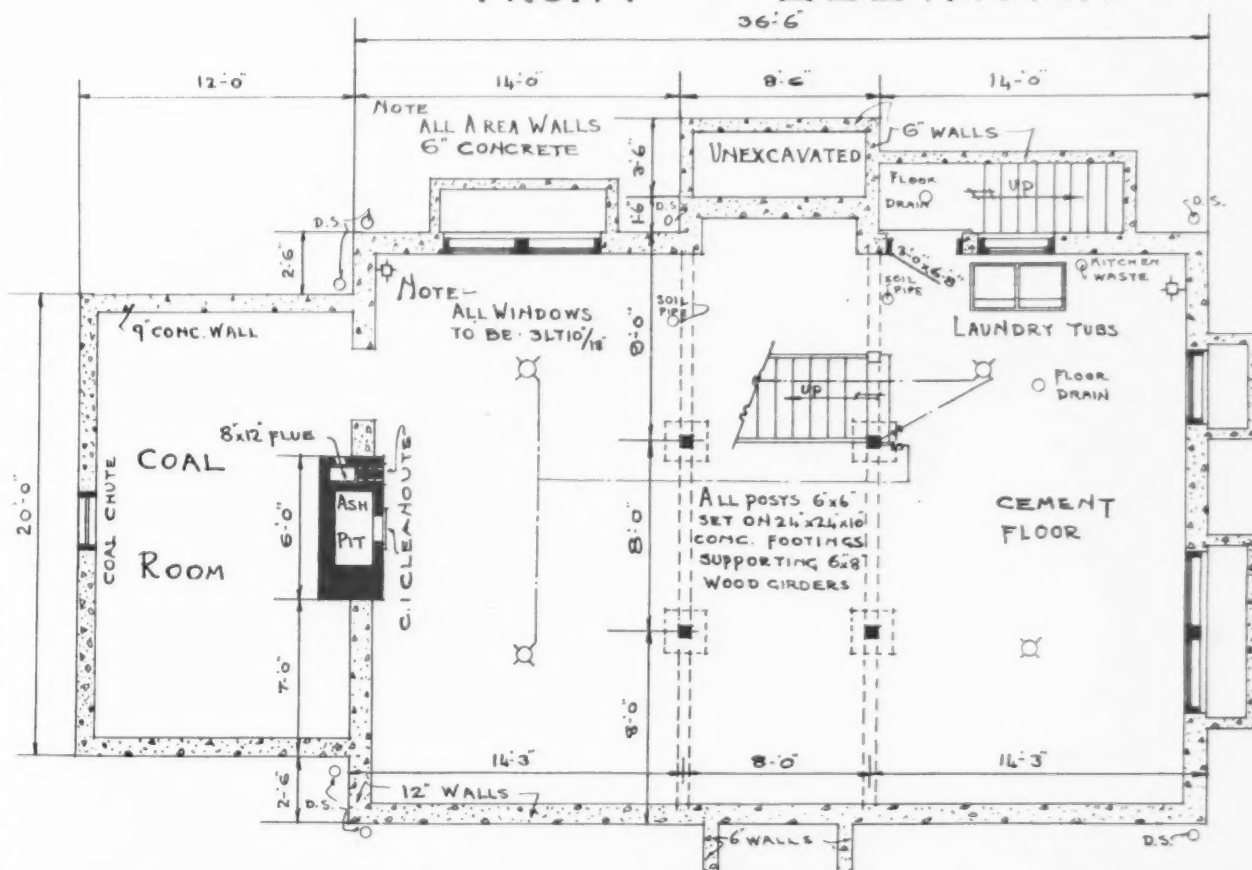
\* FIRST \* FLOOR \* PLAN \*

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

A Large Living Room with Fireplace, Window Seat and Built-In Book Cases Is the Most Striking Feature of the Well Arranged First Floor of Our Front Cover Home, While a Large Bedroom with an Extra Bath Is the Feature of the Second Floor. On the opposite page will be found the basement plan and front elevation.



\* FRONT \* ELEVATION \*

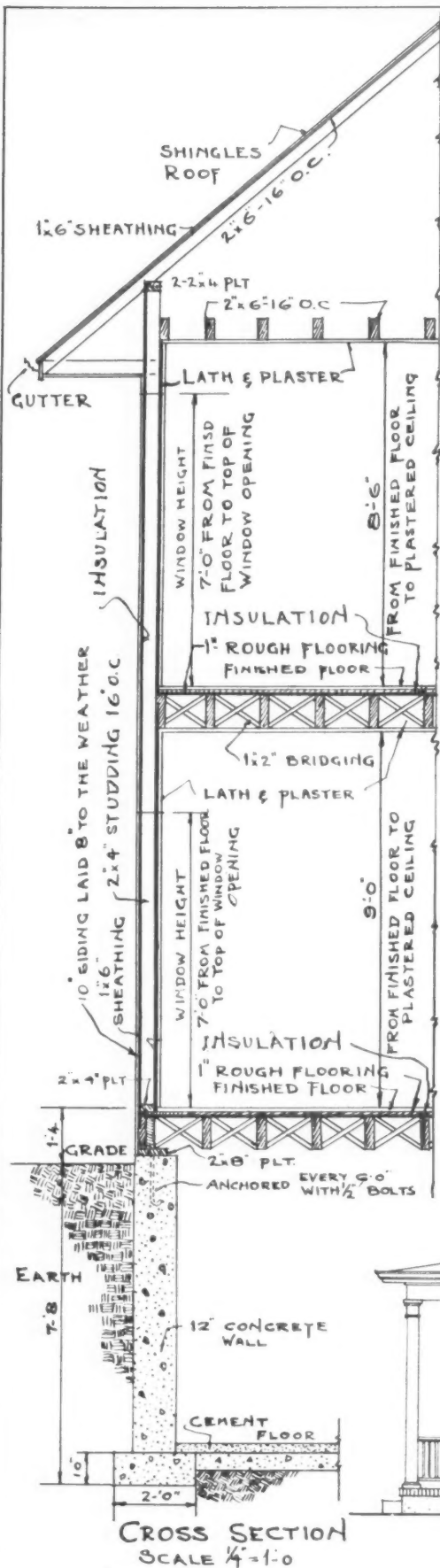


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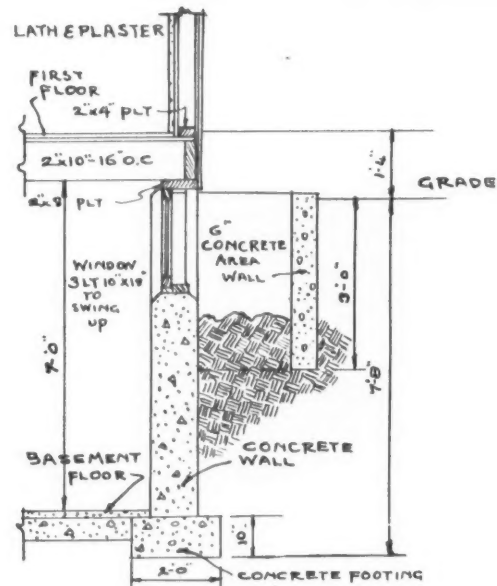
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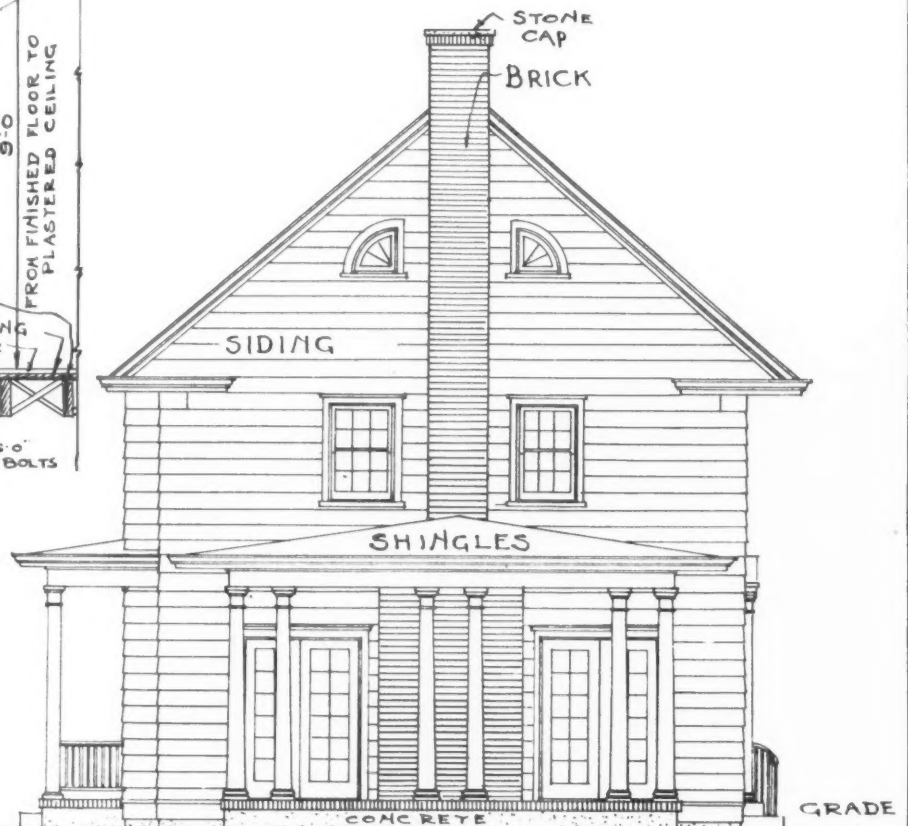
The Basement Plan of Our Front Cover Home Shows the Division of This Space with the Laundry Well Separated from Furnace and Coal Room. The front elevation, above, gives the placement of windows and design of the front entrance. On the next page are the left side elevation and detailed sections of construction.



SHEET No 3



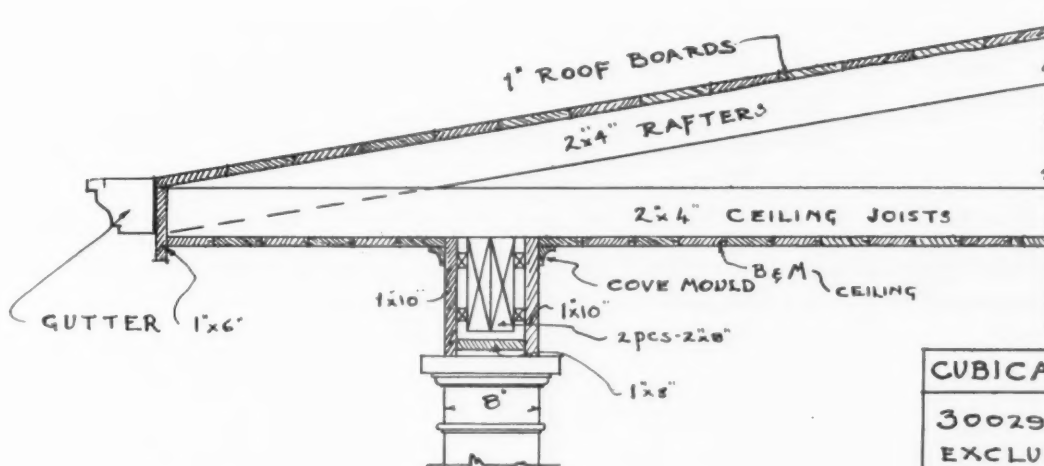
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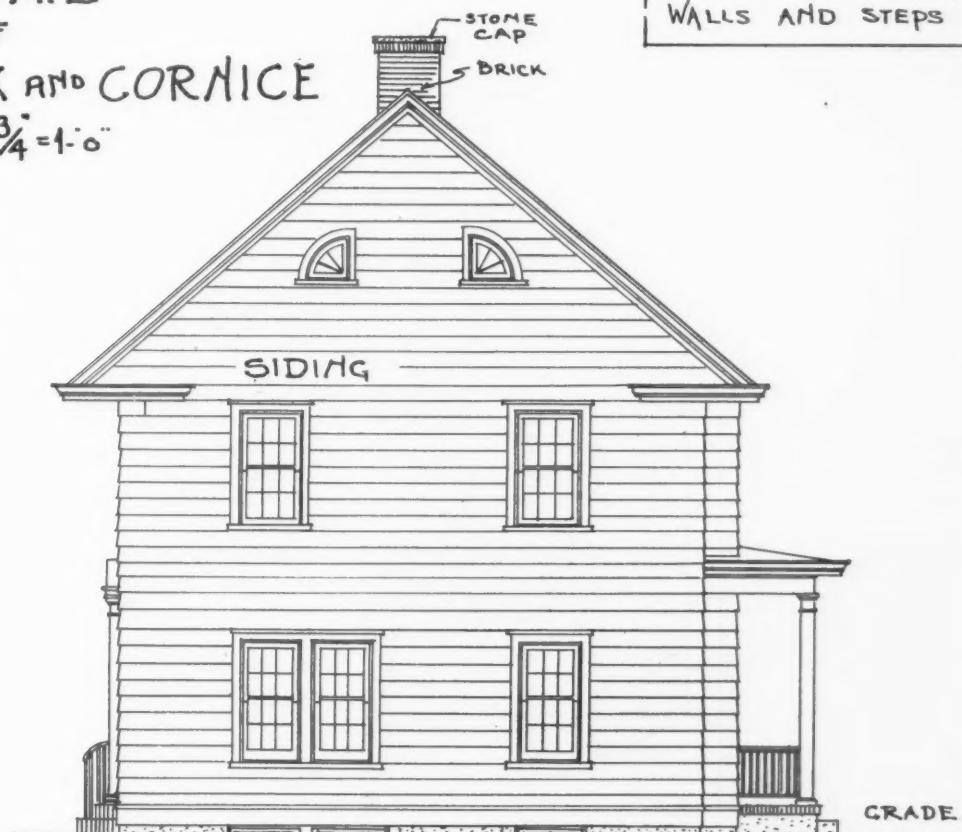
The Left Side Elevation Shows the Relation of Porch, Chimney and French Doors in Our Front Cover Home. The sectional views furnish construction details of the walls, floors and foundations. For the right side elevation and construction details of porch roof and cornice see the next page.





CUBICAL CONTENTS
30029 CUBIC FEET EXCLUSIVE OF PORCH AND BASEMENT AREA WALLS AND STEPS

DETAIL  
OF  
PORCH BOX AND CORNICE  
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RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION SCALE  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

SHEET No 4

In the Right Side Elevation of Our Front Cover Home the Wall Is More Simple. The basement windows are placed below grade in concreted area ways. Above are the construction details of the porch roof and cornice.

# SAVE THE SURFACE DEPARTMENT



Written, Illustrated and Edited by the Headquarters  
Staff, SAVE THE SURFACE CAMPAIGN

THERE is tangible evidence of "Saving the Surface" in your hands this very minute. The cover of this magazine, according to the editorial in the January issue, has been varnished for greater service. The Editor states that it is varnished to preserve it against fading and soil, and to enhance the beauty of its coloring. In that short sentence we have the two major reasons for all painting or varnishing

jobs, great or small—preservation and beautification. A magazine such as the AMERICAN BUILDER passes from hand to hand among many people—home builders, architects, dealers, realtors, contractors and builders. The varnished cover keeps it fresh and clean long after the ordinary publication would have become a useless handful of tatters.

—SAVE THE SURFACE EDITOR.

## Less Labor in Housework

Property Improvements Which Reduce the Labor and Cost of Housework  
Have a Definite Selling Value

A WOMAN'S preference concerning details of interior finish are generally the deciding factors in the buying of a house. Modern women, through countless magazine and newspaper articles and advertisements, have been sold on labor saving devices and finishes. They are, of course, often influenced by a well planned decorative effect for living room, dining room or some other part of the house, but with nine-tenths of the women of today the absorbing question is, "Is it easy to clean?"

Fraudulent construction is a thing of the past. With most modern builders, good materials and carefully handled construction are a matter of honor, but when it comes to selling, they find that it is the clever little accessories and appointments, which are both artistic and labor saving, that appeal to feminine hearts and complete the sale.

There are four or five points around a house which a woman looks to carefully in connection with cleanliness.

These are all places which she knows it will be desirable to keep in a sanitary condition; at the same time she wants to keep them so without wasted effort, without spending hours scrubbing rough, badly finished surfaces which in the end will not be clean enough to satisfy her.

The builder or the man who has real estate for sale who studies these features of a house, and after finishing them in the most approved modern fashion, stresses their desirability with a prospective buyer, will have accomplished nine-tenths of his object, a satisfactory sale.

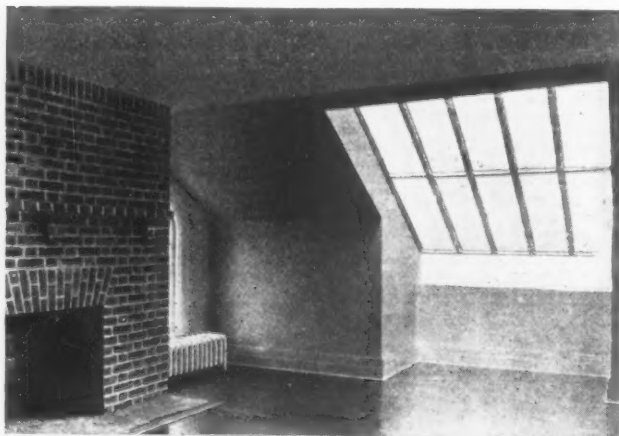
To begin at the bottom of a house and work upwards, the up-to-date woman, who has been educated in the doctrine of "an ounce of prevention," looks to the sanitary condition and finish of the cellar, the kitchen, the walls and floors throughout the house, including the bathroom.

The cellar, the "beginning of the house," is very often not given the attention it deserves. Every cellar can and should be made watertight; health demands this. There is little doubt that damp, dirty cellars are responsible for much illness. One model twentieth century cellar has the steps painted battleship gray. A narrow white band is painted on the treads and risers where they abut against the stone cellar wall. Another white line has been carried the full width of the stairs where each tread and riser meet. These lines make each corner and angle white. The advantage of this from a sanitary standpoint, is that no dirt can lurk unseen on the step. After the stairs have been swept or scrubbed it is very evident that they are clean, and there is always satisfaction in being able to see the fruits of labor.

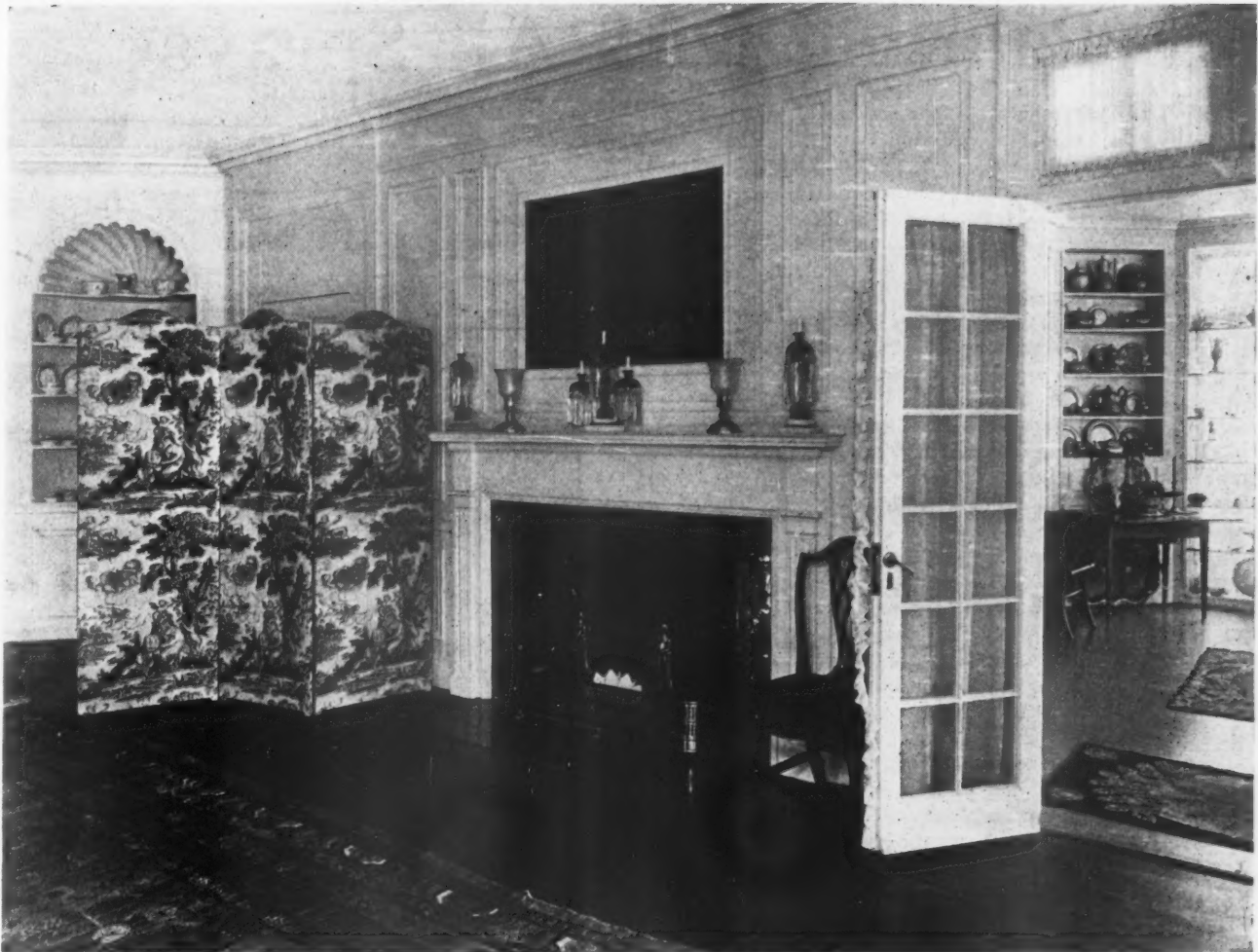
Still another white line, painted on the surface of the treads, at the ends farthest from the wall, adds to the appearance and furnishes a guide line in a dim light.

If the cement floor and stone walls are painted, moisture will not so readily seep through, a great deal of dust will be eliminated and cleaning will be made much easier and more thorough.

Wallboard fitted against the beams of the ceiling and painted in a light color will make the cellar more attractive and



An Attic Converted Into a Studio or Playroom with Wallboard and Paint Is a Fuel-Saving Insulation. Painting the radiator to match the walls improves its appearance and increases radiation.



The Attractiveness of This Interior Is Not Its Only Recommendation. Painted walls and varnished floors are sanitary and easy to keep clean. They reduce the cost and labor of housekeeping.

prevent dust from sifting through to the rooms above. Drafts will be stopped, heat conserved and light reflection increased, to say nothing of the cleaning labor saved. Even without the use of wallboard, painting the flooring and beams which form the cellar ceiling will do much to secure these desirable ends.

Nowhere should sanitation be practiced more rigidly than in the kitchen where the home-maker prepares the food, thereby making herself largely responsible for the health and happiness of the family. The realization of this is the reason why the efficient housekeeper insists on painted surfaces, both plaster and wood, in her kitchen. She likes the assurance that soap and water will remove the dust and dirt where germs find their breeding places.

Tile floors are, of course, the sanitary floors, but they are cold and tiring. Besides, they take away the "homey" atmosphere and give the kitchen an institutional look. A good method to follow is to have the floor painted or varnished, making sure that all the cracks between the boards and around the subbase are well filled with crack filler after the first coat of paint is applied. A floor finished in this way will not need to be scrubbed, wiping it with a damp cloth will leave it absolutely clean.

The problem of kitchen improvement continues to be an absorbing theme with all home builders. Women want their kitchens to be practical and at the same time artistic.

One way of accomplishing this is by the use of color. The all-white kitchen has been experimented with and proved to be "too much of a good thing." It not only fails to give that much-to-be-desired clean look (unless, indeed, a woman spends nine-tenths of her working hours wiping its surfaces)

but it is hard on the eyes and nerves and not so cheering as a colorful room.

Since moisture from condensed steam and vapors from cooking discolor the walls and ceiling, no modern housekeepers want anything but painted walls in the kitchen, but many of them make the mistake thinking that walls to be washable must be white. As a matter of fact, walls tinted the desired color will "stand up" better under the application of soap and water than the pure white will. Walls painted with a flat washable finish, or with "mill-white" in pale green, dull blue, or warm yellow, combined with ivory enameled woodwork and "built-ins" will be a "flying start" towards making the kitchen durable, sanitary and attractive. Whatever the color scheme chosen, the ceiling should be painted ivory or cream. Such a kitchen will almost sell a house on its merits.

The beauty of the popular painted wall techniques is enough in itself to make them desirable, but when their washability and durability is brought to attention the majority of people are completely sold on them.

A mop slides quickly and easily over floors which are painted or stained and varnished. Floors finished in this way may be washed with cold water at regular intervals without impairing their lustre.

Painted or enameled walls in the bathroom are a good substitute for tiles. If the lower walls are tiled, the upper portion and the ceiling should be painted.

Paint, varnish and enamel are among man's worthiest labor saving inventions, though they are not always thought of as such. Try these selling points on a prospective home-builder or purchaser, and watch the result.



# Painting with Air Sprays

**W**OULD you believe that one man could paint a certain area in an hour and fifty-one minutes, while it took another sixteen hours? Would it startle you to hear that a man could paint the side of a freight car in five minutes? You ask how it is possible to accomplish these feats, and the answer is, by means of a mechanical painting machine, a device that represents the most important development ever made in the rapid application of paint.

The principle of atomization or spraying, has been known for many years and has been applied in various ways. One of the most interesting examples is that of spraying molten metals and producing a metallic coating. With a thin liquid the problem was comparatively easy, but with a viscous material like varnish, or one containing solid particles like paint, there arose difficulties. The painting machine, after much experimenting, has been brought through successive stages from a crude, imperfect tool to a simple, highly effective device, and is now cheap enough to be within the reach of any wide-awake painter.

Painting by the mechanical method can be done in a fraction of the time required for hand brushing, the paint is spread more uniformly, the coating is heavier and the work highly durable, provided properly chosen paints are used and surfaces suitably prepared. The industries have adopted mechanical painting to a very great extent, gas engines, motorcycles, tractors, automobiles, passenger coaches, locomotives, wicker furniture, metal office equipment, radiators and pianos being a few of the things finished in this way.

With this array of varied articles coated with the painting machine, how simple a matter it appears to paint a

barn or roof. Complete equipment is now available mounted on a motor truck so it is necessary only to drive up to the building, start the gas engine which operates the compressor and do the job. The cost for such work is far less than where hand work is done. In some localities, progressive painters operating these portable outfits have developed a profitable business, going from place to place painting



**By the Mechanical Method, It Is a Matter of Minutes to Paint the Side of a House and There Is a Big Saving in Cost.**



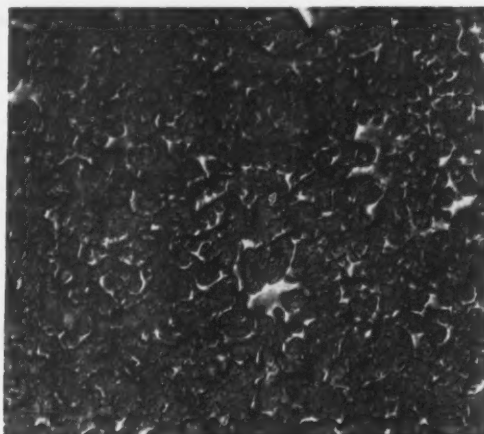
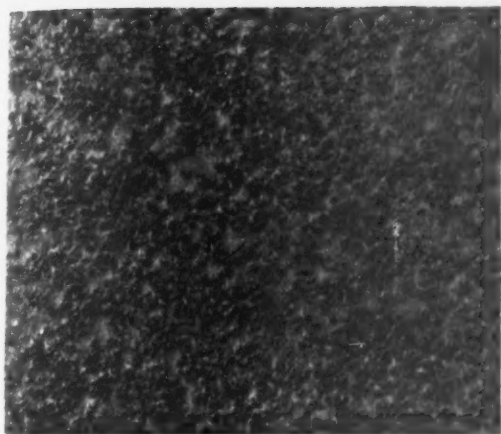
**Large Roof Areas Can Be Quickly, Economically and Thoroughly Painted with Mechanical Equipment and Their Life Is Greatly Increased by Paint.**

dwellings, barns and other buildings.

It is seldom that shingle roofs are painted because of the expense, but it is a serious matter to neglect them. Twenty years is about the life of the average shingle roof, yet this can be prolonged indefinitely by regular painting. Paint will greatly lower the fire hazard and reduce the insurance rate on shingle roofs, besides rendering protection against weather. The spray gun is well adapted to roof work because there is a wide expanse of surface, no sharp lines to be cut and the paint that should be used is thin in consistency, all combining to make an ideal spraying condition. Many attractive color combinations can be worked out between the roof and the body and trim colors of a residence, in place of the dark, weather-beaten, warped shingles so often seen.

A painter who has used the spray gun does not care to go back to the brush. It is unnecessary to bend over and fill his brush with paint from a pot. If he made this movement but once a minute, it would amount to five hundred times a day, and the resulting fatigue can easily be imagined. Again, there is no wrist movement back and forth. Every amateur painter can testify to the effort this involves. Think of what it means to be doing it day in and day out. Those who have painted ceilings know how exhausting is such labor. In contrast with this, we simply point the spray gun and pull the trigger. No wonder the spray painter has become an enthusiast.

It is not generally known that there is a very serious shortage



Interesting Wall Finishes Produced with a Spray Gun and Plastic Paint. A wide range of textures from a light sandpaper finish to a heavy stucco effect can be secured by this method.

of painters. One of the best posted men in the craft, a large employer, says there is work today for three times as many painters as are available, and that many painting jobs are turned down because there are no men to do them. It takes time to develop a good brush painter and so we cannot look for any immediate improvement in this situation. A natural consequence of this shortage of skilled workmen is that wages are high. The panacea for the condition is a greater use of the spray gun. With increased output per man, painting costs would be considerably lower, and countless surfaces would be saved which are now neglected.

## Color Misting

Out of the utilitarian has come the beautiful—a really new idea in wall decoration. A new technique for producing strikingly beautiful wall effects was far from the minds of the inventors as they perfected paint spray machines. Yet we have found, in these novel and interesting machines, not only great economies in time and labor saving, but also a vista of unique and handsome interiors, the possibilities of which are bounded only by the limits of imagination.

Distinctive decorative treatments for the walls of homes, also hotels and office buildings, are easily obtained with the small interior decorating spray-painting outfit. No great amount of time, labor or material, and no great expenditure for equipment or for having work done is required. The labor of decorating is lessened by more than half by the use of the up-to-date equipment, which brings stippled effects, blends and spatter work within the reach of all.

The "baby" mechanical painting outfit includes an air-compressing unit and a spray-painting unit. The former includes an air compressor, a motor to drive it and an air tank with accessories; all mounted on a portable, rubber-tired frame. The size of the motor permits ordinary lamp socket connections. The spray-painting unit is made up of a paint container of sufficient size for ground-coat work, a smaller one for spray-spatter colors, a spray gun and the necessary hose.

This decorative work is accomplished by coating the surface to be decorated with the desired ground color. The consistency of the paint is such as to produce a good hiding coat. After application, this coat is allowed to dry. Then the harmonizing spatter colors are applied in the order desired. These may be put on one after another, as it is not necessary to allow drying time between color applications. By varying the consistency of these colored paints, from pasty to liquid form, a fine or a coarse spatter effect is made possible.

Since one does not have to wait until the first spatter coat dries before applying the next, there is opportunity to obtain different effects by using flat, semi-gloss, and gloss paints. By the use of gloss paints a blending effect is possible, while in the use of flat paints, the individual colors take on a decided

form and effect may be likened to oatmeal paper.

The effects to be secured by this technique are many and varied, and finishes suited to all rooms can be achieved. Uniformity of application is the element to be watched with greatest care. By no other methods is it possible to obtain the perfect blending which the spray equipment produces.

While many are familiar with stippling and blending, few indeed are acquainted with the harmonious and attractive finishes known as "spray

spatter work." This work is a combination of two, three or more colors misted or spattered on a solid background. These treatments, like the others, are attained by the use of an exceedingly low air pressure. Spray spatter combinations are limited only by the knowledge of color harmony, the decorative sense and the number of walls to be finished.

The small paint consumption, the speed with which decoration is applied, the wide number of colors that may be used and the fact that full advantage may be taken of gloss, semi-gloss and full finish paints in producing a delicacy of finish, together with the coarseness or fineness with which the misting can be done, are points that specially recommend this treatment to both owners and decorators. A sprayed finish appropriate for any room can be selected and all such finishes possess the sanitary and washable characteristics common to painted walls and so important in the home.



## Stucco Mixed with Magnesium Chloride —Not Calcium Chloride

ON page 121 of the January issue, in the description of the home of Mr. Grinnell F. Oliver, Wheaton, Ill., an erroneous statement appeared in regard to the manner in which the stucco was mixed. This stucco was mixed verily stated. The AMERICAN BUILDER hopes that none of its readers will be misled by the former statement which was discovered too late for correction in the January issue.



## Forestry Films Released

TWO motion picture films have recently been completed and added to the list of films which can be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture for educational purposes. Both of these films deal with the problem of timber supply.

"Pine—From Seed to Sawmill" tells of the service which the southern pine has rendered since the resources of the Lake states became depleted and sounds the warning of the rapid depletion of the southern pine area. This film is two reels in length.

"Pine for Profit" pictures the depletion of the forests of the South from the settlement of Jamestown in 1607 to the present day and the practicability and methods of reforestation. It also contains a warning against fire, the greatest menace to reforestation.

Both of these films were prepared by the Forest Service in co-operation with Georgia Forestry Association, the Florida Forestry Association, and the State Forestry Commission of Alabama.

# Sheet Metal Details

## Sheet 5—Methods of Flashing Around Roof Openings

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—This is the fifth of a series of articles, presenting authentic details for flashing and metal work problems in building. The drawings, presented on the opposite page, were prepared by the Copper and Brass Research Association, and may be applied in the use of all roofing metals.

The first of this series was published in the November issue

of the AMERICAN BUILDER. Readers will remember that the drawings are intended to show the details of construction for every trade involved and are suitable for use by the drafting room in designing details. The distortion of the drawings will be apparent at a glance, but this purposely has been done that the methods may be made more clear.

### NOTES FOR DRAWINGS ON OPPOSITE PAGE

**FIG. 25.** The method of flashing a sheet metal ventilator set on a sloping shingle roof is shown in Fig. 25. The ventilator is fastened to the flashing by a soldered lap seam. This may be done either before or after the ventilator is set in place. The flashing when placed on the roof should lap the shingles on the sides and bottom from 6 to 8 inches and be formed over them. At the top of the flashing the shingles lap over the metal which should be carried up on the roof far enough so that the upper part of the sheet is covered by at least two thicknesses of shingles. The flashing is fastened to the roof sheathing by long brass woodscrews. Care should be taken not to split the shingles. The holes for these screws should be drilled, not punched, and the screws set through slotted brass washers. Only four screws are shown in the illustration, but if the ventilator is a large one more will be required. They should be spaced not over 12 inches apart. When completed the screw heads and washers should be well covered with solder. The lower edge of the flashing should be turned back on itself  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch for stiffness. Attention is called to the matter of "guying" as described in Fig. 26.

**Fig. 26.** If the ventilator is placed on the ridge of the roof instead of the slope the detail shown in Fig. 26 is used. The method is similar to that described in Fig. 25 except that the flashing is entirely outside the shingles. In both cases Figs. 25 and 26 it is necessary, if the ventilator be a tall one, in order to avoid strain on the flashing connections, to steady the ventilator by rods or wires secured to the roof. These rods or wires are fastened to the ventilator as near the top as possible by brass collar and fastened to the roof by brass screw-eyes or a similar device. The flashing consists of a piece of sheet metal extending out on the roof about 8 inches on each side of the fastenings, and long enough to extend from the butts of the shingles next below up and under the shingles above as far as possible. The sheet is soldered to the shank of the fastening, or a thimble is fitted around the shank, soldered to the sheet, and filled with waterproofing compound. These screw-eyes can also be waterproofed as described in Fig. 28.

**Fig. 27.** When vent or other pipes come through a roof a detail as shown in Fig. 27 is used. The lower edge of the flashing should lap over the shingles not less than 4 inches, but the sides and top are placed under the shingles with a lap of about 6 inches over the copper. If the flashing is over 12 inches wide the lower edge should be turned back and under on itself  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. This stiffens the metal and prevents lifting by the wind. This flashing should be carried up to the top of the pipe and secured either by an iron cap screwed in place as shown in Fig. 29 or by a copper cap as shown in Fig. 30. (See description of these figures.) The flashing should be carried up above the top of the shingle course on which it rests and held in place by a row of copper nails along the upper edge.

**Fig. 28.** Many instances occur where the roof is pierced by steel members such as the struts to hold a platform or some similar structure. Great care should be used at these places not only to make the point of penetration water

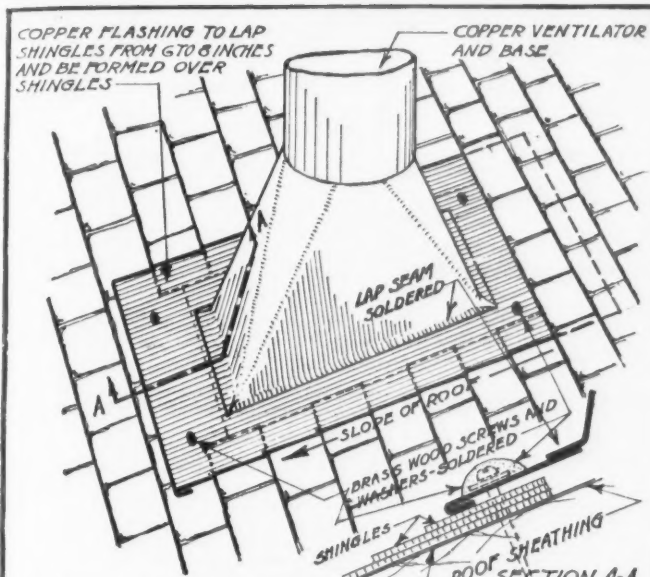
and damp-proof, but also to allow room for proper expansion and contraction for the steel member. For this purpose the detail shown here is recommended. The composition roof is laid in the usual manner close to the steel member and a copper collar is bent around the member conforming somewhat to the shape and extending out on the roof from 2 to 3 inches or more, if necessary. The ends of the collar are lapped and soldered and the pan is filled with pitch or other water-proofing compound. The part extending out on the roof is covered with two extra layers of fabric, the copper having been first carefully swabbed with pitch. Where a tile roof is used it is laid on top of the regular roof waterproofing. In some cases it will be found necessary to make the vertical and horizontal parts of this pan in two pieces. The joint between the two parts should be a soldered lap joint. When the penetrating member is large in proportion to the pan for holding the waterproofing compound the member, if of steel, should be heated with a torch to secure proper adhesion.

**Fig. 29.** There are two recognized methods of terminating the flashing when a vent-pipe comes through the roof. One method is shown in Fig. 29. The horizontal flashing is turned out over the roofing from 6 to 8 inches and turned up against the pipe enough to form a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lap seam with the vertical collar. A sheet is placed around the pipe and soldered to the horizontal sheet. Some roofers coat the outside of the pipe with white lead or asphaltum before placing the flashing. The flashing on the roof is covered by two additional layers of roofing and the top of the flashing on the pipe is held in place by a wrought-iron cap screwed on the top of the pipe and enclosing the end of the flashing. Before placing this lap the threads should be coated with white lead.

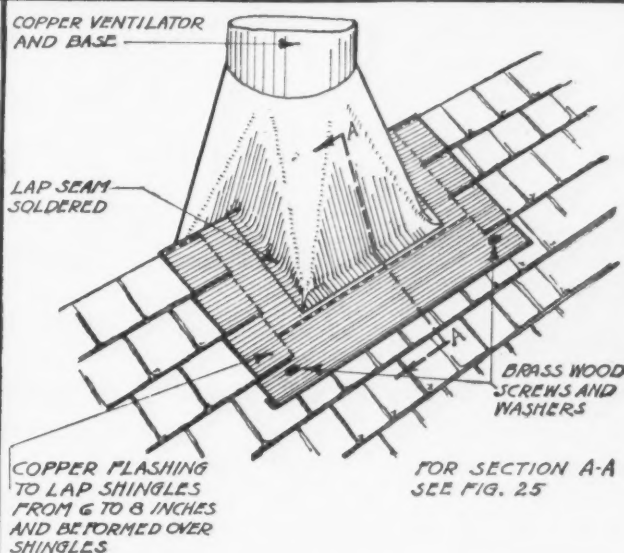
**Fig. 30.** Where cast-iron pipe is used the flashing is shown in Fig. 30. It may also be used for wrought-iron pipe. The roof and vertical portions are constructed as described in Fig. 29, but the top of the vertical portion is held in place by a copper cap forced down over the pipe and the flashing. This cap should be 6 inches high and should project into the interior of the pipe at least 2 inches. The vertical flashing should be carried high enough so that the cap will lap at least 4 inches.

**Fig. 31.** When a flagpole extends up through the roof the flashing is shown in Fig. 31. The flashing is turned out on the roofing about 6 or 8 inches and turned up near the pole enough to allow a lap with the collar around the pole. This collar is to be lapped vertically and also over the base flashing and both laps well soldered. The collar and the flashing must be kept away from the pole to allow for its vibration. A flared collar-hood is then placed around the pole extending down so that it will lap the base flashing at least 3 inches. This hood is held by a brass band 1 inch wide set in white lead and securely bolted in place. The lower edge of this hood is turned back on itself  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch for stiffness. With very tall poles it is usual to brace them from the roof by rods secured to a collar several feet up on the pole. The method of waterproofing the rods at the roof connection is similar to that described in Figs. 26 and 28.

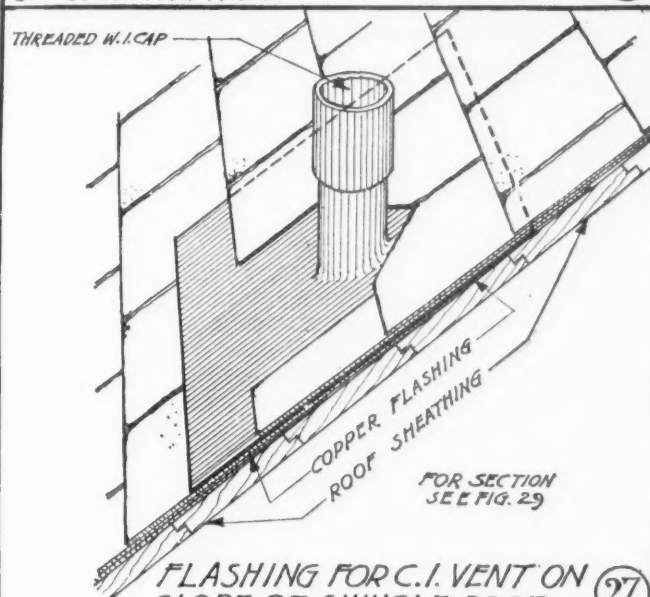




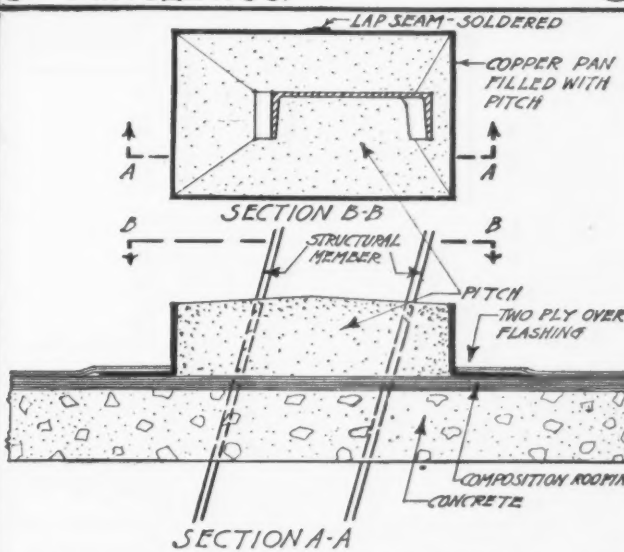
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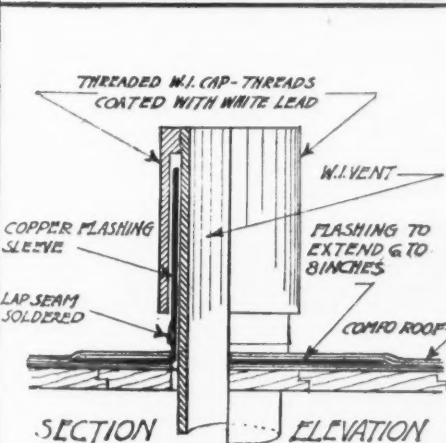
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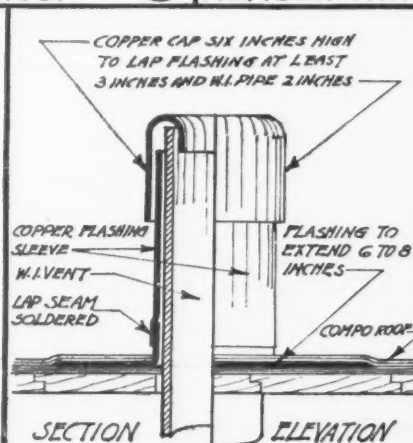
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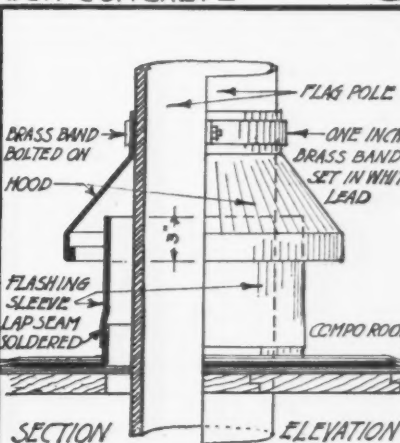
FLASHING FOR STEEL STRUCTURAL MEMBER THROUGH CONCRETE (28)



FLASHING FOR IRON VENT WITH SCREW CAP (29)



FLASHING FOR IRON VENT WITH COPPER CAP (30)



FLASHING FOR FLAG POLE (31)



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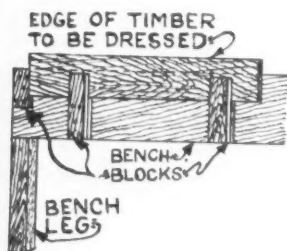
## \$2 for an Idea

Dan is an ingenious cuss. Nothing ever stumps him. He always knows the way out when he runs into a tough problem out on the job or in the office. Dan is going to edit this Department and will pay \$2.00 each for every good idea he can use here to show and tell other builders "how to do it." Send him a rough sketch and a short description of what the tough job was and how you handled it.

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### Aid When Dressing Boards

IT was necessary for one carpenter to dress the edges of some wide but thin boards, and, as he did not have the proper clamping fixture on his work bench, he experienced



considerable trouble due to the fact that his bench stop would not hold a wide board on its edge so that he could dress it with ease. It was therefore necessary for him to have one man hold the board erect and steady while another used the plane.

To eliminate one "hand" and to do the work correctly and with ease he nailed some blocks to the side of his work bench, as shown in the sketch herewith, and placed the boards between the blocks and the side of the bench, as illustrated. The inside blocks should be fully as thick or thicker than the boards to be dressed.—BUNYAN KENNEDY, McCool, Minn.



### Laying Off Foundations

THE old method of squaring a foundation with a chalk line and a ten-foot pole is a very slow way and sometimes an inaccurate way for several reasons. First, the wind may blow your line back and forth and give you a lot of trouble. After getting your measurements of six and eight on the line, the line will stretch and throw your measurements off and you will have to keep making measurements and shifting your line until you finally succeed.

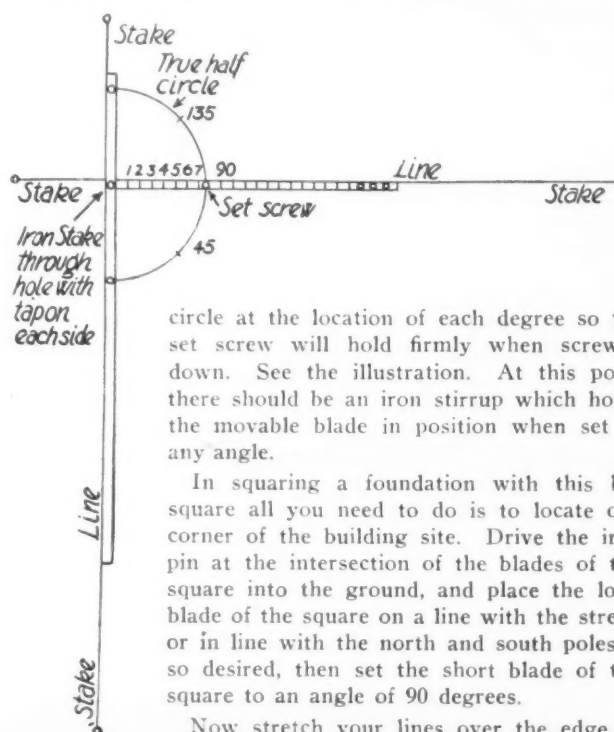
For years I have used a big wooden square made of one by fours for squaring foundations. This big square gave satisfaction for what it was made for, but I have lately improved it and I believe that other contractors and carpenters will be glad to know how it is made.

Any carpenter can make this big square. All the material he needs is a 1 by 4 by 12 and a 1 by 4 by 16, a half of a wagon tire and a bolt half inch by 10 or 14 inches long and two bolts three-eighths by one and a half inches. These two bolts are to be used to bolt the wagon tire to one of the one by fours as shown in the illustration. The

14-inch bolt is merely an iron stake with threads run down on one end about three inches, which passes through the two one by fours where they intersect. There are two taps on the threaded end of this stake, one on top of the upper one by four and one under the bottom one by four.

This bolt serves as a hinge on which either blade of the square may be made to turn and, at the same time, when driven into the earth, holds the corner of the square in the desired position. For further information see the illustration. The half circle, as shown in the figure, may be made of a wagon tire, but care must be taken that this half circle is absolutely true. There are 180 degrees in a half circle and it makes no difference what size the circle is.

After the half circle has been made the ends are twisted and bent at right angles to the rest of the circle. Next divide the half circle in 180 equal parts. These divisions will represent degrees, and a notch should be filed into this



circle at the location of each degree so the set screw will hold firmly when screwed down. See the illustration. At this point there should be an iron stirrup which holds the movable blade in position when set at any angle.

In squaring a foundation with this big square all you need to do is to locate one corner of the building site. Drive the iron pin at the intersection of the blades of the square into the ground, and place the long blade of the square on a line with the street, or in line with the north and south poles if so desired, then set the short blade of the square to an angle of 90 degrees.

Now stretch your lines over the edge of

each blade of the square and tie the ends to stakes, as shown in the detail. This will square one corner of the building, and if the building is to have no wings the other three corners will naturally be square if your measurements are correct. But if the building is to have either an "L" or a "T" you may square them also by moving the square to the location, laying the long blade on a line of the main wall and driving the stake at the desired point as explained above.

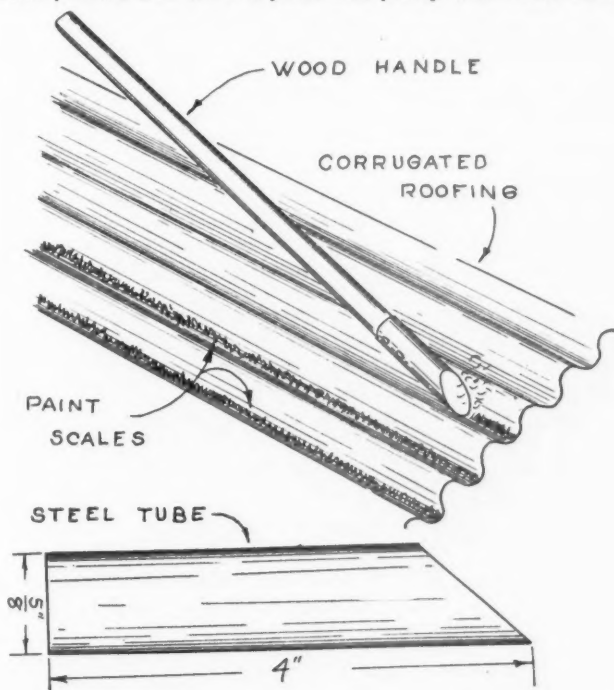
A contractor often has to put up buildings with sharp corners on account of the fact that the lot on which it is located is not square. Here is where this big square will be found handy again. In such cases all you will have to do in running your lines correctly is to set the big square to the correct angle and proceed as you would on a square building.

This big square may also be used as a compass in drawing circles a foot to 24 feet in diameter, as shown in the sketch. In drawing circles on the ground for silos, cisterns or for any other purpose, drive the iron stake at the corner of the square into the earth, then if you want to draw a circle 12 feet in diameter slip an iron pin through hole in the short blade of the square six feet from the corner, take hold of the end of the long blade and turn the whole thing around, allowing the pin to make a mark on the earth.—B. F. CLARK, Albuquerque, N. M.



### Cleaning Corrugated Roofing

SOME time ago I was called upon to paint a corrugated iron roof. It had been a long time since the roof had been painted and the old paint was pretty well worn off by



This Scraper Is a Convenient Tool When It Comes to Cleaning a Corrugated Roof for Painting. It is easily and cheaply made and fills a need for which there is no similar tool available.

the weather except in the bottom of the corrugations. Here the paint was quite thick and dried hard. It was in the form of scales which curled up at the edges. I knew that it would not do to paint over these partly loose paint scales, so I tried to sweep them off with a broom, but they stuck too tight for this.

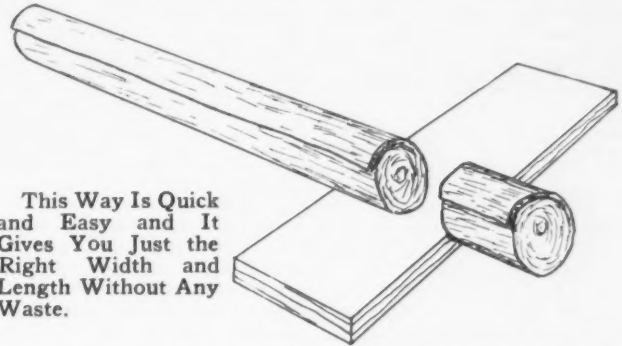
After thinking a while I made the simple tool shown in the sketch. It consists of a short piece of steel tubing secured to the end of a long handle. This was used as a scraper and did a perfect job of removing the scales. After scraping, the roof was swept to remove the loose scales.

The handle was long enough so that I could stand erect while using the scraper.—HAROLD JACKSON, Kankakee, Ill.



### Cutting Strips of Paper

EVERY carpenter, some time in his experience, has had the job of cutting strips of paper to be put under the outside casings of window frames. There are various



This Way Is Quick and Easy and It Gives You Just the Right Width and Length Without Any Waste.

methods in use, such as sawing and cutting with a knife. We have discovered a simple way of cutting these strips of paper that will not only save time but will make it possible to cut the exact number of strips at the right length, thus avoiding waste of material.

Assuming that we need 48 strips of paper four inches wide and five feet long, from a roll of paper 32 inches wide cut off six pieces of paper five feet long. Lay these sheets of paper on each other and roll them up into as small a roll as possible, then mark the roll into eight equal parts and with a hand axe cut the roll of paper into eight four-inch rolls.—H. H. SIEGEL, Emporia, Kan.



### Repairing Decayed Posts

A VERY simple way to repair decayed fence posts, or any other kind of posts, is shown by the sketches. Fig. 1 shows a post which is almost rotted off. Instead of taking the post out and putting in a new post (which often means the taking down and rebuilding of the fence), dig the dirt out around the post about two feet deep, and fill this space with concrete, as shown by Fig. 2. The heavy dots, connected with irregular lines on each side of the post, indicate woven wire fencing, which reinforces the concrete.

This repairing can be done while the post is still answering the purpose for which it was put into the ground. The life of the post, after it has thus been repaired, will be longer, in most instances, than the life of a new post, and the expense will be much less.—H. SIEGELE, S. Emporia, Kan.

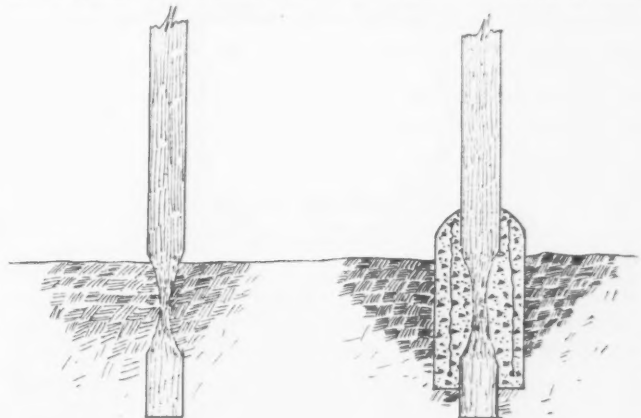


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

This Method of Repairing Fence Posts Not Only Saves Money and Effects a Permanent Repair, but Is One More Aid in the Very Important Matter of Conserving Our National Timber Supply by Securing the Longest Service from Wood Already in Use.





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### Portable Electric Saw

**P**ORTABLE saws, which can be easily transported to the job and moved about to any part of building under construction, are a great convenience and money saver for the builder. The saw shown in the illustration is of this type and has ample power and capacity for the heaviest work in the ordinary run of building operations.



It is operated by power from the electric lighting circuit, it being only necessary to plug in on an ordinary light socket, and it is light enough that it can be quickly and easily moved from floor to floor as the work progresses. In this way it saves the time of workmen in climbing up and down ladders or stairs, while saving hand work in all cutting and fitting operations.

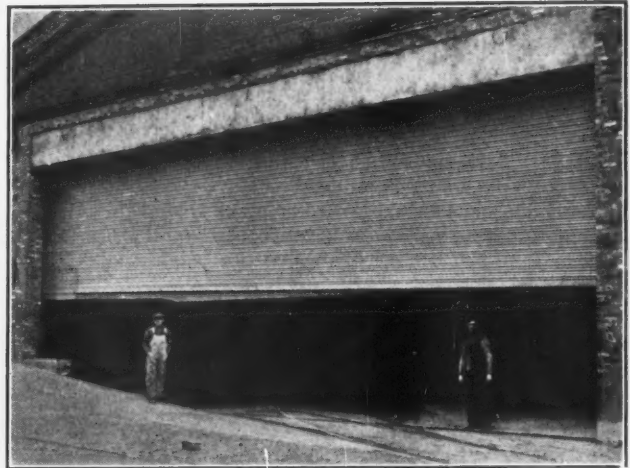
**For Remodeling Jobs This Saw Is Particularly Convenient as It Can Be Taken Right Into the House and Plugged Into a Light Socket.**



### Widest Rolling Steel Door

**T**O meet the need for an unusual width doorway, to admit cars at an angle to a building, where interior loading platforms left no room for sliding or swinging doors, the widest rolling steel door ever manufactured has recently been installed. The masonry opening is 45 feet wide and 17 feet high. The door is made of No. 16 gauge interlocking steel slats and weighs two tons.

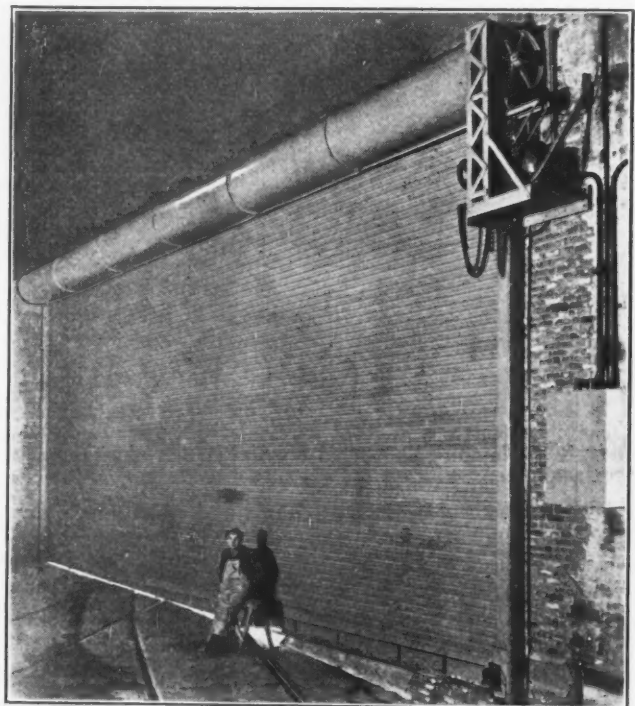
The overhead, horizontal shaft, which measures 47 feet between supporting brackets, has a deflection of less than one inch. Enclosed in the shaft are 12 heavy helical springs which counterbalance the weight of the door. The motor bracket is a self-contained unit driving the shaft with a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  H. P. motor through a train of spur gears. Only three



**The Widest Rolling Steel Door Ever Built Closes an Opening 45 Feet Wide and 17 Feet High and Can Be Opened or Closed in 30 Seconds.**

horsepower is actually required to raise or lower the door due to the counterbalancing springs.

Operation is controlled by a set of push buttons and the door may be stopped in any position. It is automatically



**When Opened the Door Is Completely Encased in the Housing Seen at the Top. The shaft encloses springs which counterbalance the weight of the door.**

stopped at the top and bottom by a double set of limit switches. Quick stopping is accomplished by a combination of dynamic and solenoid brakes. A sprocket and hand chain operation is available for emergencies.

The roller door coils entirely overhead, above the lintel, and is enclosed in a 26-inch semi-circular sheet steel box or hood.



## All Steel Ironing Board

**S**OMETHING new in the way of built-in home equipment is offered in the form of an all-steel ironing board which can be readily installed in any house under construction or already built. It is of a size, 14½ inches wide, to fit between standard studding without cutting. The opening is 54 inches high, 34 inches above the floor line.

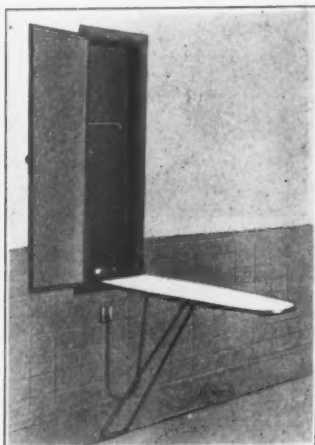
The cabinet proper is of heavy gauge sheet steel finished with a flat coat of pearl gray enamel which is an ideal ground for any standard finish. The sheets are assembled by the welding process making a rigid and substantial job. The board is stamped from 20 gauge steel and is heavily reinforced and guaranteed not to warp. The folding leg, of a special design, forms a firm brace for the board and cannot get out of order.

The cabinet contains a raised platform for the iron when not in use and also a retainer rod which swings outward to serve as a towel or handkerchief rod.



## Vertical Sliding Garage Door

**W**HEREVER garage space is limited a vertically sliding garage door will be especially appreciated. With this door the consideration of space for the door to swing outward or slide sideways is eliminated. When open it is entirely overhead in a horizontal position and out of the way with no danger of blowing shut. Even on a very narrow alley the garage may be built to the property line without making it necessary to even partially block the alley with an open door.



All Steel Ironing Board.

Where space is not limited this door is a great convenience, as it is protected from weather when open, is always easily opened and gives an absolutely clear, unobstructed entrance. It is strongly built and easily installed, an average carpenter being able to do the job in about two hours' time. It is made in any desired size.

The door proper is made up of panels hinged together. A door eight feet or less high is made in four panels and the number is increased for greater heights. Rollers are attached at both ends of the panels and are held in position on steel tracks, on which the door operates overhead. The door is perfectly counterbalanced in all positions by two coil springs of uniform tension. When closed it rests flush on the floor and fits perfectly at sides, top and bottom, making it weatherproof.



## Electric Door Opener

**A**N electrically operated device is being manufactured which opens and closes heavy doors and gates, of both the sliding and swinging type, noiselessly and automatically.

This mechanism is operated by touching an electric button. It is intended for use in public garages and in banking institutions for opening and closing the gates to the safe deposit vaults and for large residences where the gates to the grounds are heavy.

The device is operated by a one-sixth horsepower motor which not only furnishes the driving force for opening the door, but also stops the door at the proper point. Therefore, it is impossible for the doors or gates to slam either in the opening or closing action.

The entire mechanism, with the exception of a small arm which fastens to a door of the sliding type, is concealed. The motor unit is concealed and protected in an easily accessible cast iron box installed just below the floor level.



This Is the Little Device Which Will Open or Close the Heaviest Door or Gate Merely by Pressing a Button.



## Metal Basement Columns

**A**LL metal columns for basement posts are being marketed in stock lengths of six, six and a half and seven feet. Special lengths are cut to order. These columns are made of four and five-inch reclaimed pipe with a cast iron steel cap and base and are thoroughly painted at the factory. They come under approved code construction in all the leading cities and are considered superior construction everywhere.

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The Sliding Garage Door, Open and Closed.

### New Idea in Mixing Boxes

**A** NEW steel mixing box, under which a fire is built to warm the mortar, is provided with a steel hod support which slides along the edge of the box wherever desired. It has also been used with a brick-walled fireplace upon which the mixing box rests like a stew pan. It is claimed that these steel mortar boxes will outlast dozens of wood boxes, at the same time giving greater utility, due to absence of knot holes, splitting and cracking.



Steel Mortar Box Has Special Advantages.

Every top edge of the steel box is reinforced with double steel flanges, affording an absolutely rigid construction all around, and also providing permanent handholds, only two men being required for easy handling. Although they are riveted throughout, there is not a rivet inside the box, and the smooth, one-piece metal bottom has no obstructions to catch cement or interfere with the mixing tools.

The boxes are made in three standard sizes. This same company also manufactures steel mortar boards under which a fire can be built for the same purpose.



### Welded Plumbing Installation

**A** COMPARATIVELY new field for the employment of oxy-acetylene welding is of particular interest to anyone concerned with the construction of buildings. This is the installation of plumbing and heating pipes by means of welding. A number of advantages are claimed for this method and it has given entirely satisfactory results on a number of jobs where it has been used.

The claims are: That the welded joint gives increased strength because of the fact that metal is added instead of being removed, as is the case where threads are cut; it affords a tighter joint, as there are no crevices and the material at the joint is heavier than the rest of the pipe so longer lived under corrosion; the weight is reduced by the elimination of cast joint; appearance is improved and it is possible to apply insulating coverings smoothly; the cost is comparatively low because of time saved in installation and the elimination of any special castings.

In connection with the last item it is pointed out that when welding is used it is possible to make any fitting quickly, right on the job, and that when additions or repairs are required they are most simply effected.

The process is not yet thoroughly understood and many people have mistaken ideas about it. One of these is that when a branch is welded to a main line a hole is large enough to admit the branch and it is then welded in without knowing the amount of its inside projection and consequent obstruction of the main line. As a matter of fact, the branch is not inserted into the main line. It is shaped out to fit the



It Is When Making Connections Like This That the Advantages of Welded Plumbing Installation Are Most Apparent. These three joints would be both difficult and expensive if screw connections were used.

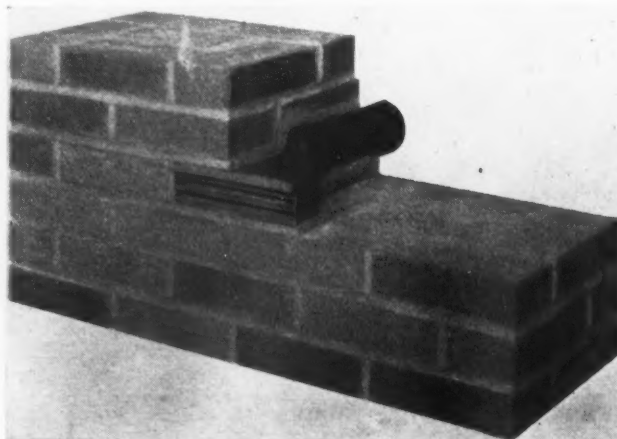
contour of the main line pipe and then butted up to it, and its circumference marked on the main line. A hole is then cut in the main line inside of the mark but equal to the inside diameter of the branch pipe. Both the hole and branch pipe are beveled, fitted and welded, giving the equivalent, so far as internal friction is concerned, of a cast fitting.



### Metal Ventilating Brick

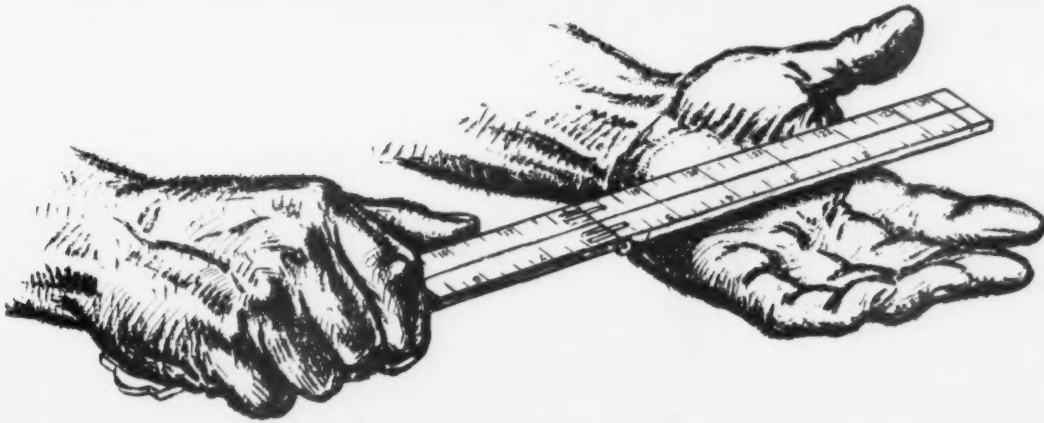
**F**OR the ventilation of kitchens, kitchenettes, pantries, bathrooms, closets, hung ceilings or any place where vertical vent shafts and bulky ventilators cannot be used or are undesirable, a new ventilating brick has been developed. This is a metal device of the size of an ordinary brick. It has a louvered face with a weatherstrip at the top, which is transformed to a three-inch diameter pipe at the inner end. It is laid in the wall in the place of a brick.

The ventilator measures 13 inches from the louvered face to the end of the three-inch pipe, but can be supplied in other lengths by special order. It is made of cast iron or bronze with a heavy galvanized iron flue. When installed it is placed in the masonry at a point six inches below the bottom of the ceiling beam with the louvered face at the outer surface and the round pipe in the room.



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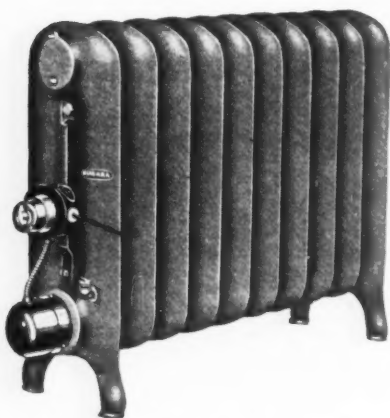


### Electric Steam Radiators

**M**ODERN homes, all over the country, are rapidly being electrified. New appliances and fixtures are constantly being brought out and improved so that electricity can be applied to practically every feature of the home where light, heat or power is needed. It has long been felt that electricity would be ideal for general heating as well as for small, special heating appliances, and the development of this idea is being carried forward.

The electric steam radiator is an accomplished fact and can be obtained in a number of sizes for permanent installation on the floor or wall, or portable, to be moved from one place to another.

These units consist of a cast iron radiator fitted with extra size nipples at the bottom, into which the heating element is fitted. This element extends through the entire radiator, assuring even heat in every column. A three heat switch is made a part of each radiator. The heating element is enclosed in a seamless brass tube which protects it and provides a large radiating surface for heating the water which surrounds it.



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These radiators are also supplied with a thermostat having a range from 50 to 80 degrees. This gives an automatic control, insuring economy and uniform room temperature. In the matter of cost, the practicability of electrical heating has been greatly assisted in the last two years by reductions of rates for current and the increasing cost of fuels.



### Portable Combination Woodworker

**S**INCE lumber stock is furnished in prepared widths and thicknesses the contractor and builder is required to do a deal of cutting and mitering, on the job, as quickly and accurately as possible. A machine which has been designed to supply most of the builder's needs in this line of work is available at a low cost and in a form which is readily moved from place to place.

This comprises a variety saw table complete in every respect. It has a tilting table, 30 by 36 inches, a pair of graduated miter gauges, an adjustable rip fence, ripping as



Most of the Builders' Woodworking Needs, on the Job, Will Be Taken Care of by This Portable Combination Woodworker Which Is Available at Low Cost and Is Easily Moved from Place to Place.

wide as 15 inches, a ball-bearing arbor and graduations under the table showing the angle of tilt. At the right-hand side a jointer is mounted. The jointer knives are of high speed steel, six inches long and mounted on a round safety cylinder. The jointer is also provided with an aluminum spring guard and can be started and stopped at will.

On the rear of the machine is mounted a two-horsepower motor, which drives both the saw bench and the jointer with one belt. The jointer is stopped by turning the hand wheel on the front, thus drawing the jointer pulley away from the belt. The saw bench runs all the time whether or not it is in use.

A curved splitter with an overhead cover guard is supplied with the saw bench. A three-wheel lift truck can be furnished. This truck has ball-bearing wheels and will lift the machine clear of the floor and permit it to be used anywhere. The equipment includes a pair of 12-inch saw blades, a rip and a cross-cut.



### Largest Weatherstrip Contract

**W**HAT is claimed to be the largest weatherstripping contract ever made was recently placed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for its new housing development in Long Island City, Astoria and Woodside, Long Island, N. Y. The Metropolitan Housing Development was fully described in the June, 1924, issue of the *AMERICAN BUILDER*. The contract secured by the Hoffbauer Company, Inc., New York City, for weatherstripping 14,000 windows, is being completed within a period of five weeks.

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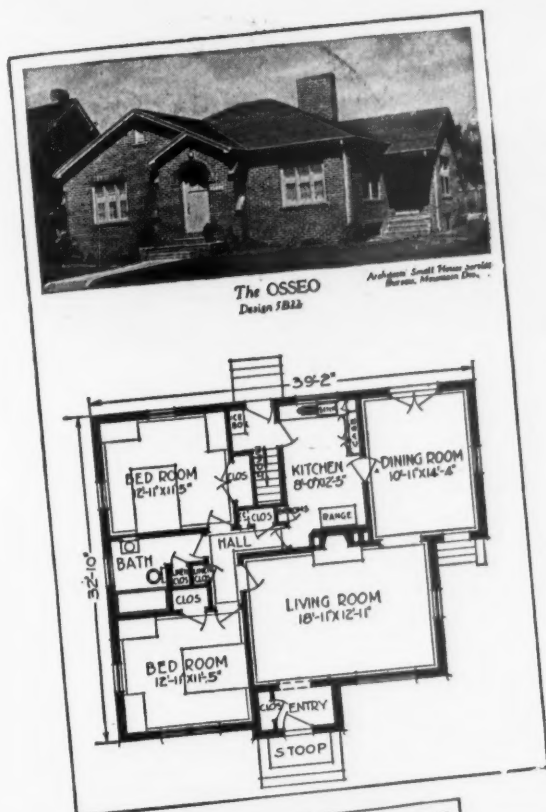
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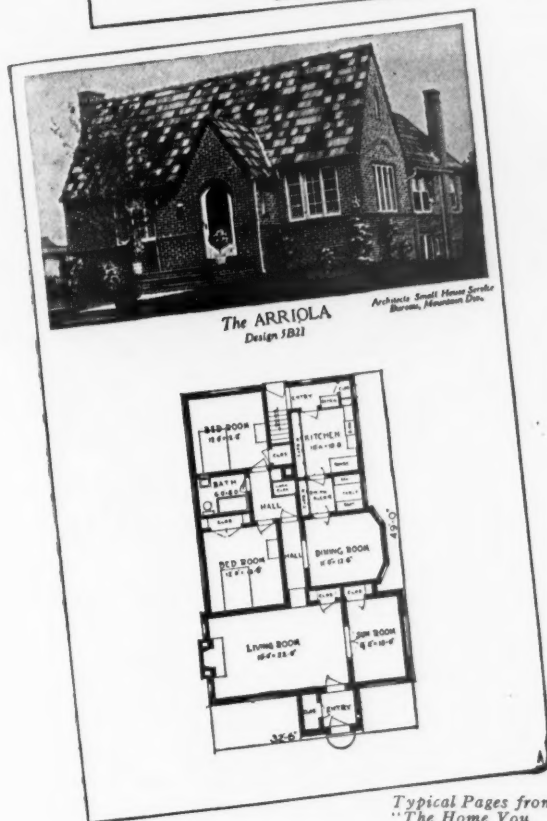
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### New Adjustable Insert for Machine Mounting in Concrete

FOR the purpose of fastening machinery or other equipment to concrete floors, walls or ceilings without the disadvantages attending the use of bolts embedded directly in the concrete, a new adjustable bolt insert has been designed.

When bolts are embedded directly in the concrete, unless extreme care is exercised, they do not register correctly with the mounting bolt holes of the apparatus to be installed and hence the bolts have to be bent or forced into position, with a consequent mutilation of the threads, or the mounting bolt holes reamed.

The new insert permits an adjustment of the bolt position after the concrete has set and results in more satisfactory machine mounting. The adjustable insert consists of a cast-iron housing with a tapering body and containing a rotatable bolt carrier. The bolt carrier is T-slotted to take the head of a standard machine bolt and is of sufficient length to permit a  $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch movement of the bolt from the center.

Since the carrier can be rotated, the adjustment of the position of the bolt can be secured in any direction. The housing and bolt carrier are provided with teeth which mesh and prevent any change in position after the adjustment has been made and before the bolt has been tightened. The teeth are kept in mesh by a retaining spring which is held in by a sheet metal plate at the back of the housing.

When the insert is to be installed, the form for the concrete is drilled at the point desired for the bolt. The insert is then fastened tightly to the form by a bolt run through the form and screwed into a nut placed in the T-slot of the bolt carrier. After the concrete has set for a suitable length of time, this bolt and nut are removed and a bolt of the proper length is placed in the bolt carrier which is rotated until the bolt is in the correct position to receive the base of the apparatus to be mounted. The nut is then tightened on the bolt and the location is fixed.

These inserts, which are available for  $\frac{3}{8}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch machine bolts, have great holding power when embedded in concrete, due to the fins and flange which are cast as an integral part of the housing. The holding power of the combination equals the ultimate strength of the bolt.



### Electrical Outlet Frame

**A**N electrical outlet frame, just perfected, enables electrical mechanics to do a quicker, better and more lasting job of installing outlet boxes and saves contractors considerable time and money on all wiring jobs.

This frame is made of wood and consists of six pieces, two cleats for nailing to studs, two cross-pieces, plough-grooved, and two sliding uprights to hold laths and outlet boxes in place. Nails and screws are furnished with each frame.

With it an outlet box can be installed complete in 10 minutes or less. There is no measuring to be done and no metal clamps to get broken. Everything is handy, ready for use when needed, and when installed, frame and box are absolutely secure.

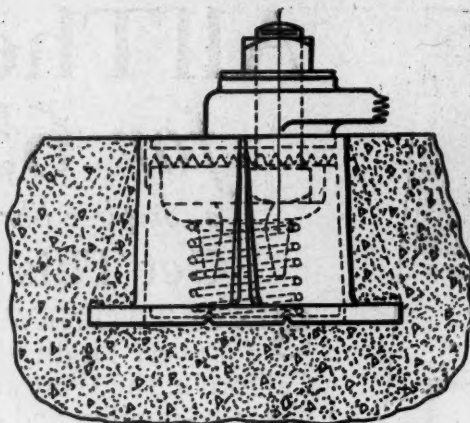
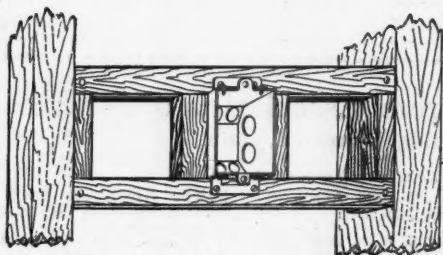


Diagram Showing the Insert Embedded in Concrete with the Bolt in Adjusted Position and Tightened Over Machine Base or Foot.



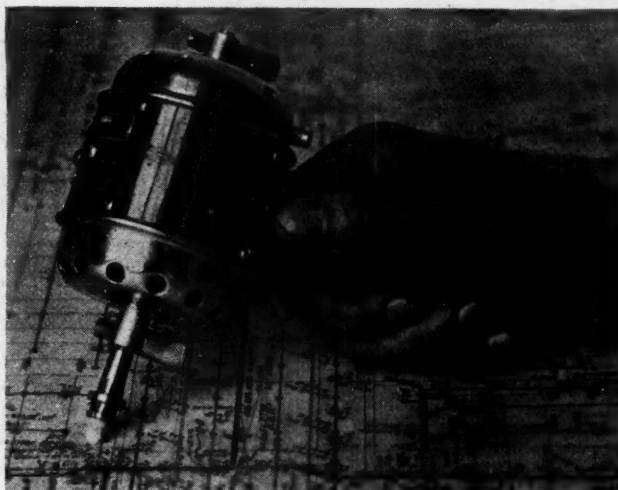
The New Adjustable Bolt Insert, Showing How the Bolt Is Placed in the Slot.

The frame can be used for ceilings, sidewalls, baseboards, or any other place where an outlet box is needed. The time it saves the contractor will more than pay for its cost.



### Electric Power Eraser

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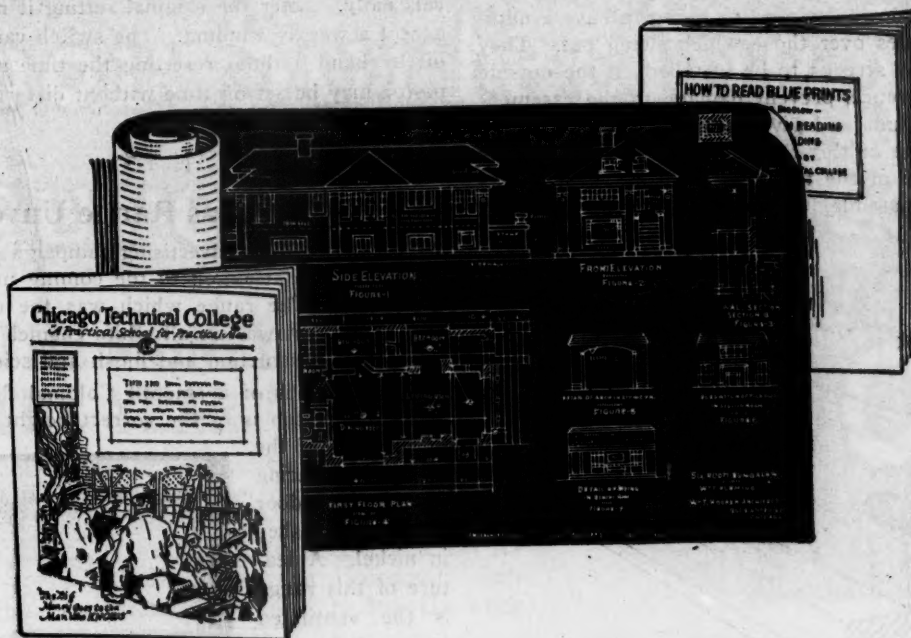


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recently been invented, and placed on the market. It is designed to eliminate objectionable features of cable machines, as the entire weight rests on the drawing surface.

The machine is so constructed that, with it, a mark as small as a period may easily be removed from paper without touching marks surrounding it. The machine is held at an angle of 45 degrees when in use. The revolving motor armature produces a gyroscopic action, which tends to hold the device at the correct operating angle without extra effort on the part of the user. Since the hold hand grasps the handle and the weight is on the drawing surface, it is necessary only to guide the device when operating it.

The one caution advanced by the maker of the machine is that an erasing shield should be used by a person operating the device for the first time and that the machine should be kept in motion. Only one hand is used for the operations, leaving the other hand free to handle other marks on the paper. Erasers are supplied in various qualities to be used in the machine.—R. G. THACKWELL.



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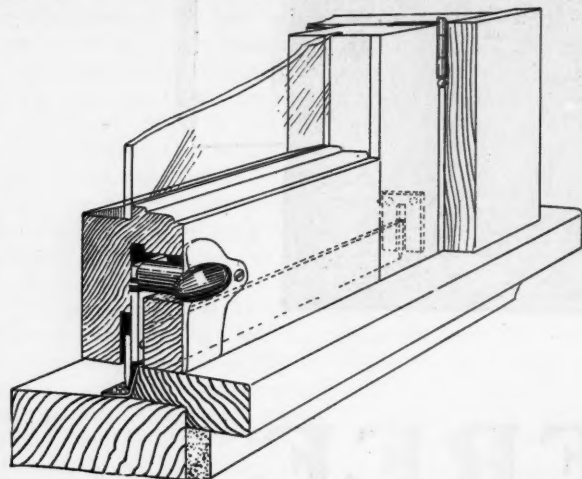
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### Weatherstrips Inswinging Casements

CASEMENT windows designed to swing in have a number of advantages over those which swing out. They allow storm sash or screens to be installed on the outside without any interference, prevent damage to the casement in case of heavy winds and give the full window area for ventilation. In spite of this they have never been entirely satisfactory because of the fact that in using them it was difficult, if not impossible, to eliminate leaky sills. This



The Simple Construction and Operation of This Weatherstrip for Inswinging Casement Windows Is Shown in the Sectional View Above. Only the knob is visible in this installation.

disadvantage is overcome by a type of casement window hardware particularly designed to accomplish that purpose.

This appliance is a metal strip set into the bottom of the sash and operated up and down by means of a knob. As this brass strip slides down it forms a snug contact with a zinc strip along the sill, completely sealing the joint. At the same time it serves as a window lock. The appliance is controlled through an eccentric movement, with no springs, by a half turn of the knob. This appliance is simple and easily installed and is very durable.



### Electric Timers and Clocks

TIMED control of electrical circuits is rapidly attracting more and more attention, and being adapted to new uses. A line of automatic timers and clocks was originally designed to control the window lighting of stores where, because of the well-known advertising value of window display, the value of good lighting at regular times was well known. Other uses for these fixtures have become evident.

They are now used for the control of electrical appliances in homes and apartments, for street and park lighting, traffic signals, on the farm, for controlling water supply pumps and such equipment as separators, in stores for lighting by departments, for night lights in banks and similar institutions.

The timer simply turns "on" and "off" (or "off" only if desired) at any desired time. It is only necessary to set the painter and cock the switch. It operates once only within 12 hours after setting and must be set every day.



This Automatic Timer Will Control Any Electrical Circuit.

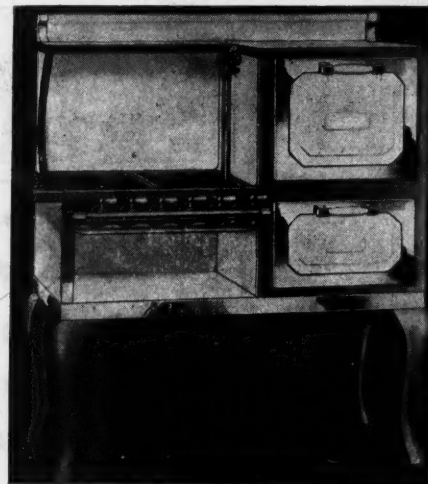
The clock is designed to control circuits at regular intervals daily. After the original setting it needs no attention except a weekly winding. The switch can be turned on or off by hand without resetting the time motor or the time motor may be set on time without disturbing the times set for operation.



### New Gas Range Unveiled

RECENTLY an advertising campaign all over the country called attention to the coming unveiling of a new gas range. The range which was the object of a great deal of interest was an all white enamel model embodying beauty of construction and finish and scientific design.

This range is of a smooth Colonial flush finish design. The cooking top is of the correct height to save stooping in any part of the work of preparing a meal. The door frames are finished in nickel. A feature of this range is the ventilated oven and the oven control which give complete control of oven temperature at all times and, according to the manufacturer, increases oven efficiency 18 per cent, at the same time effecting a saving in fuel consumption.



An All-White Enamel Gas Range Which Features a Ventilated Oven and Oven Temperature Control.



### Wood Preserving Stain

A PATENT, antiseptic compound with an attractive chestnut brown color is the most recent newcomer in the field of wood preservatives. It is an oily substance, containing no pigment, but staining the wood a rich brown. It will not peel, blister, scratch or wash off, and protects the wood against dampness, rot decay and fungus growth. The wood to be treated can be dipped or the liquid can be applied with a brush.

Its covering capacity is about 300 square feet per gallon, per coat, and three brush coats should usually be applied. It is always ready for use as it comes, except that in cold weather or where a surface will receive very hard wear it is better to apply the material hot. It soaks into the wood, destroys the albuminous matter which is the cause of rot and decay, and leaves the pores open.

This material has highly antiseptic and disinfecting properties, containing about 60 per cent crude carbolic acid. It can be easily applied to any woodwork and requires no special skill or knowledge, but the treatment should always be thorough. Three coats are applied at intervals of 24 to 48 hours. For interior work, to obtain a wax or dull gloss finish, each coat is rubbed down about one hour after application, with clean cheese cloth, until no more material rubs off. The surface to be treated should always be thoroughly clean and dry before the application is made. A silver brown effect can also be obtained for interior work by applying a light coat of white paint, following the three coats of preserver and rubbing off before the paint dries.



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# INSTRUCTIONS IN ROOF FRAMING

## Roof Framing Table (Continued)

By JOHN T. NEUFELD

**F**OR a detail explanation of the principles by which the rafters on a hip roof are figured, you should consult the lessons given in the AMERICAN BUILDER in the June, 1924, number. In this lesson we only intend to explain the tables as given herewith. The pitch of the roof is the same for a hip roof as for a gable roof. The pitch is always based on the slant of a common rafter and not on the hip rafter.

**14. Length per foot run.** This column gives the length of the hip rafter per foot run of common rafter, for each of the 48 pitches given in the table. For example: The length per foot run of a hip rafter for a one-third pitch or 8-inch rise per foot run of a common rafter is 18.76 inches. If you wish to find the length of a hip rafter for a one-third pitch given that the building is 16 feet wide, proceed as follows: For a 16-foot span the run is 8 feet. The length of hip rafter per foot run of common rafter is 18.76 inches. The total length of this rafter therefore is 18.76 times 8 equals 150.08 inches or 12 feet  $6\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

**15. Subtract for  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch ridge.** This column tells how much to deduct if a ridge board is used. For example, take the rafter figured in the previous problem. This rafter was 12 feet  $6\frac{1}{8}$  inches. If a ridge board of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thickness would be used, then we must deduct  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches (as given in this column) from the length of the rafter. This leaves the net length as 12 feet  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

**16. Top and bottom cut by square.** This column gives the number to be used on the square to obtain the top or plumb cut and seat or bottom cut. The first number, which is always 17, is taken as the base or run and the second number is the rise. The illustration No. 16 shows how the square is applied to the rafter for marking. Taking again the same pitch roof as figured in the previous problem, we find the numbers to be used on the square are 17 and 8. For the top cut mark along the arm of the square on which the 8 is taken and for the bottom cut mark along the arm of the square on which the 17 is taken.

**17. Top cut by degrees.** This column gives just another way of obtaining the top cut. At present tools are made which are marked off into degrees and if such tools are used the columns giving the bevels in degrees are very handy. There is less chance for error, if degrees are used. However, pitches of roofs are not generally given in degrees. The cut by degrees is illustrated in Fig. 17.

PITCH			HIP												RAFTER			
1	2	3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RISE PER FOOT RUN	RISE OVER SPAN	DEGREES	LENGTH PER FOOT RUN	SUBTRACT FOR 1 1/2" RIDGE	TOP CUT BY SQUARE	TOP CUT BY DEGREES	BOTTOM CUT BY DEGREES	SIDE CUT BY SQUARE	SIDE CUT BY DEGREES	BACKING HIP BY SQUARE	BACKING HIP BY DEGREES	PROOF OF HIP WITHOUT BACKING	DISTANCE TO LINE OF BACKING					
24	1	63° 26'	29.36	2"	17-24	35° 20'	54° 40'	20-12	30° 10'	12-15	50° 30'	1 1/8"	11/16					
23 1/2	1 1/2	63° 00'	28.99	1 15/16	17-23 1/2	35° 50'	54° 10'	"	30° 35'	"	50° 40'	1 1/8"	"					
23	23/24	62° 27'	28.55	1 13/16	17-23	36° 30'	53° 30'	20-12	31° 00'	11-15	50° 50'	1 1/16"	"					
22 1/2	13/8	61° 55'	28.18	"	17-22 1/2	36° 54'	53° 06'	"	31° 15'	"	51° 10'	"	5/8					
22	11/2	61° 25'	27.75	1 7/8	17-22	37° 42'	52° 18'	19 1/2-12	31° 30'	11-14	51° 40'	1 1/16	5/8					
21 1/2	43/48	60° 50'	27.39	"	17-21 1/2	38° 17'	51° 43'	"	31° 50'	"	52° -	"	"					
21	7/8	60° 15'	26.98	1 13/16	17-21	39° 00'	51° 00'	19-12	32° 10'	11-14	52° 10'	1--	"					
20 1/2	11/8	59° 40'	26.61	"	17-20 1/2	39° 37'	50° 23'	"	32° 30'	"	52° 25'	15/16	"					
20	5/6	59° 02'	26.21	1 3/4	17-20	40° 22'	49° 38'	18 1/2-12	32° 56'	10-13	52° 40'	15/16	"					
19 1/2	13/16	58° 20'	25.85	"	17-19 1/2	41° 02'	48° 58'	18-12	33° 20'	"	53° -	7/8	"					
19	19/24	57° 44'	25.45	"	17-19	41° 49'	48° 11'	"	33° 49'	"	53° 20'	7/8	"					
18 1/2	37/48	57° 05'	25.10	1 11/16	17-18 1/2	42° 32'	47° 28'	17 1/2-12	34° 10'	"	53° 35'	"	"					
18	3/4	56° 18'	24.72	1 11/16	17-18	43° 22'	46° 38'	"	34° 50'	9-12	53° 50'	"	9/16					
17 1/2	35/48	55° 30'	24.38	1 5/8	17-17 1/2	44° 06'	45° 54'	17-12	34° 55'	"	54° 10'	13/16	"					
17	17/24	54° 47'	24.00	1 5/8	17-17	45° 00'	45° 00'	24-17	35° 20'	17-24	54° 30'	13/16	"					
16 1/2	11/8	54° 00'	23.70	"	17-16 1/2	45° 48'	44° 12'	"	35° 40'	16-24	55° -	3/4	"					
16	2/3	53° 08'	23.31	1 9/16	17-16	46° 45'	43° 15'	23-17	36° 00'	16-23 1/2	55° 30'	3/4	9/16					
15 1/2	31/48	52° 15'	22.98	"	17-15 1/2	47° 35'	42° 25'	"	36° 25'	15-23	56° -	"	"					
15	5/8	51° 20'	22.64	"	17-15	48° 35'	41° 25'	"	36° 50'	15-22 1/2	56° 30'	"	1/2					
14 1/2	29/48	50° 20'	22.32	1 1/2	17-14 1/2	49° 29'	40° 31'	22-17	37° 15'	14-22	57° -	11/16	"					
14	7/12	49° 24'	21.99	1 1/2	17-14	50° 32'	39° 28'	"	37° 42'	14-22	57° 30'	11/16	"					
13 1/2	9/16	48° 20'	21.69	1 7/16	17-13 1/2	51° 30'	38° 30'	"	38° -	13-21 1/2	58° -	5/8	"					
13	13/24	47° 17'	21.37	1 7/16	17-13	52° 36'	37° 24'	21-17	38° 20'	13-21 1/2	58° 40'	5/8	"					
12 1/2	25/48	46° 10'	21.08	"	17-12 1/2	53° 37'	36° 23'	"	38° 45'	12-21	59° 20'	9/16	"					
12	1/2	45° 00'	20.78	1 3/8	17-12	54° 47'	35° 13'	"	39° 10'	12-21	60° 00'	9/16	"					
11 1/2	23/48	43° 50'	20.50	"	17-11 1/2	55° 52'	34° 08'	21-17	39° 35'	11-21 1/2	60° 45'	1/2	7/16					
11	11/24	42° 38'	20.22	"	17-11	57° 06'	32° 54'	20-17	40° -	11-20	61° 30'	1/2	7/16					
10 1/2	7/12	41° 18'	19.96	"	17-10 1/2	58° 15'	31° 45'	"	40° 25'	10-20	62° 20'	"	"					
10	5/12	39° 48'	19.69	1 5/16	17-10	59° 32'	30° 28'	"	40° 50'	10-19 1/2	63° 10'	"	3/8					
9 1/2	10/48	38° 20'	19.45	"	17-9 1/2	60° 46'	29° 14'	19-17	41° 10'	9-19 1/2	64° -	7/16	"					
9	3/6	36° 52'	19.21	"	17-9	62° 06'	27° 54'	"	41° 30'	9-19	64° 50'	7/16	"					
8 1/2	17/48	35° 20'	18.98	"	17-8 1/2	63° 24'	26° 36'	"	41° 50'	8-19	65° 50'	3/8	"					
8	1/3	33° 41'	18.76	1 1/4	17-8	64° 48'	25° 12'	"	42° 10'	8-19	67° -	3/8	"					
7 1/2	5/16	32° 00'	18.55	"	17-7 1/2	65° 54'	24° 6'	"	42° 25'	7-18 1/2	68° -	"	5/16					
7	7/24	30° 15'	18.36	"	17-7	67° 47'	22° 23'	18-17	42° 40'	7-18 1/2	69° 10'	5/16	5/16					
6 1/2	13/48	28° 30'	18.17	"	17-6 1/2	69° 02'	20° 58'	"	43° 00'	6-18	70° 20'	"	"					
6	1/4	26° 34'	18.00	1 3/16	17-6	70° 34'	19° 26'	"	43° 22'	6-18	71° 30'	1/4	1/4					
5 1/2	11/48	24° 40'	17.84	"	17-5 1/2	72° 03'	17° 57'	"	43° 35'	5-18	72° 50'	"	"					
5	5/24	22° 37'	17.69	"	17-5	73° 35'	16° 25'	"	43° 50'	5-17 1/2	74° 10'	"	"					
4 1/2	3/16	20° 35'	17.56	"	17-4 1/2	74° 16'	15° 44'	"	44° -	4-17 1/2	75° 30'	3/16	3/16					
4	1/6	18° 28'	17.43	"	17-4	74° 46'	15° 14'	17 1/2-17	44° 10'	4-17 1/2	77° -	"	3/16					
3 1/2	7/48	16° 20'	17.33	"	17-3 1/2	75° 21'	14° 39'	"	44° 20'	3-17 1/2	78° 30'	1/8	"					
3	1/8	14° 02'	17.23	1 1/8	17-3	80° 00'	10° 00'	"	44° 30'	3-17	80° 10'	1/8	2/16					
2 1/2	5/48	11° 50'	17.16	"	17-2 1/2	81° 05'	8° 55'	17 1/2-17	44° 40'	2-17	81° 40'	"	1/13					
2	1/2	9° 28'	17.09	"	17-2	83° 17'	6° 43'	"	44° 50'	2-17	83° 20'	"	1/16					
1 1/2	1/16	7° 10'	17.04	"	17-1 1/2	84° 57'	5° 03'	17-17	"	1-17	85° -	1/16	"					
1	1/24	4° 48'	17.00	"	17-1	86° 38'	3° 22'	"	45° -	1-17	86° 40'	1/16	0					
0 1/2	1/48	2° 25'	16.98	"	17-1/2	88° 18'	1° 42'	"	"	1/2-17	88° 20'	"	"					





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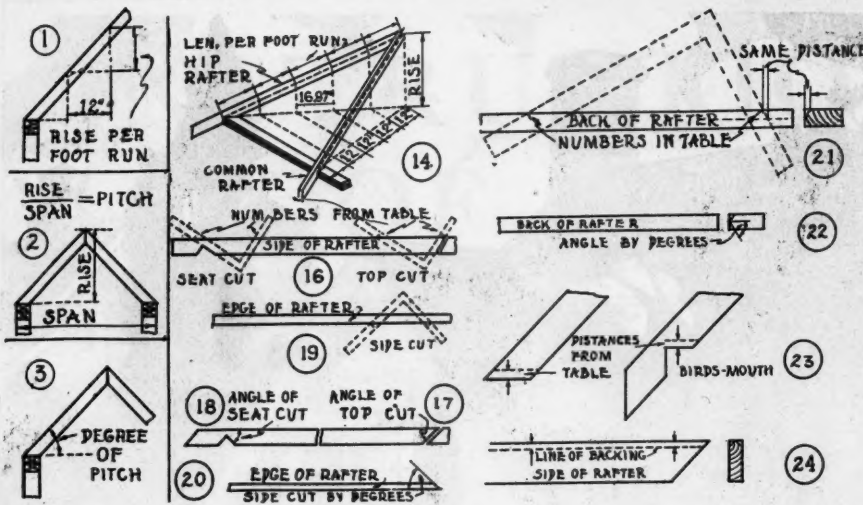
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Explanation of the Various Cuts Listed in the Diagrammatic Chart Shown on Page 184.

**18. Bottom cut by degrees.** This column is similar to No. 17 except that it gives the bottom or seat cut of the rafters. It should be noted that if you add together the bevel given for the top and bottom cut in degrees you obtain 90 degrees in each case. Therefore, if you have either the top or bottom cut given in degrees you can obtain the other by subtracting from 90 degrees. For a one-third pitch roof, the top cut by degrees for the hip rafter will be 64 degrees and 48 minutes. The seat or bottom cut will be 25 degrees and 12 minutes.

**19. Side cut by square.** As the hip rafter also has a bevel cut at the top, this column gives the numbers to be used on the square to obtain this bevel as illustrated in Fig. 20. For a one-third pitch roof, the numbers used on the square to obtain the bevel are 79 and 17 marking along the arm of the square on which the 19 is taken. In all cases we mark on the arm of the square on which the larger number is taken when laying out the side cut. This column is based on the rule that the side cut of the hip rafter is obtained by taking the length of hip rafter per foot run on one arm of the square and the run of hip rafter per foot run of common rafter on the other arm of the square.

**20. Side cut by degrees.** This column gives the bevel of the side cut for the hip rafter by degrees. The angle is laid off on the back of the rafter. See Fig. 20.

**21. Backing hip by square.** Take the numbers given in this column and apply the square to the back of the hip rafter as in Fig. 21. The angle that the square makes with the edge of the rafter gives the angle of backing. The illustration shows how the distance is laid out on the side of the rafter.

**22. Backing of hip by degrees.** In this column the angle of backing for each pitch is given by degrees. Note that the angle is taken on a section straight across the rafter.

**23. Vertical drop of hip if unbacked.** Very often the hip rafter is not backed. In such cases the seat should be cut out further so that the rafter is lowered thereby bringing the edges of the hip rafter in the same plane with the common rafter. The distance to be lowered varies with the different pitches. This column gives the distance for each pitch. The dotted lines in Fig. 23 show where the cut should be made. Two kinds of rafter ends are shown.

**24. Distance from edge to line of backing.** The numbers in this column will simplify the method of obtaining the amount of backing. All that is needed in this case is to take the distance as given in this column for the desired pitch, and measure on the side of the rafter from the edge to the line of backing as shown in Fig. 24.

**10. What is the distance from the edge of the rafter to the line of backing?**

### Answers

1. The length of hip per foot run of common is 20.78 inches. The length of hip rafter is 20.78 times 10 equals 207.8 inches equals 17 feet  $3\frac{13}{16}$  inches.
2. The length of this hip rafter if a  $1\frac{5}{8}$ -inch ridge board is used is 17 feet  $3\frac{13}{16}$  inches less  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches equals 17 feet  $2\frac{7}{16}$  inches.
2. The numbers 17 and 12 will give the top and bottom cuts (marking along the 12 for the bottom cut).
4. The angle of the top cut is 54 degrees and 47 minutes.
5. The angle of the seat cut is 35 degrees and 13 minutes.
6. The angle of the side cut is 39 degrees and 10 minutes.
7. The side cut may be laid out using the numbers 21 and 17 (marking along the 21).
8. The angle of backing in degrees is 60 degrees.
9. The vertical distance that an unbacked hip rafter must be lowered is  $\frac{9}{16}$  inches.
10. The distance from the edge of rafter to the line of backing is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.



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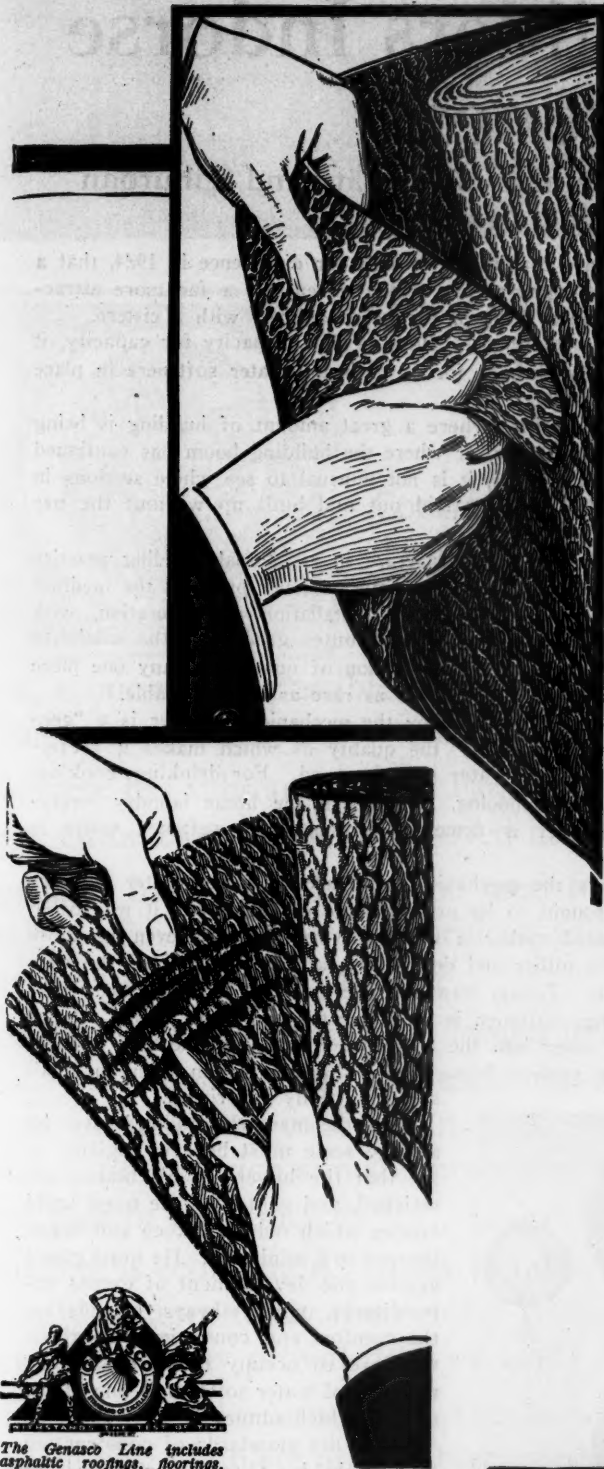
LONGVIEW, which is only a little over two years old, was the third city in the state of Washington and ranked ninth in the entire Pacific coast section in building activity for the month of January, according to building permit figures. A report issued by S. W. Straus & Co. places Seattle first in Washington with permits covering an estimated expenditure of \$2,715,790 for the month. Tacoma is second with \$1,007,650 and Longview third with \$285,478.

When taken in consideration that the estimated city and suburban population of Seattle is nearly 400,000 and Tacoma about 150,000 compared to slightly more than 6,000 in Longview, this city's showing is remarkable from a population standpoint. Population of Spokane, which ranks fourth with \$99,065, is 140,000, more than twenty times as great as the population of Longview.



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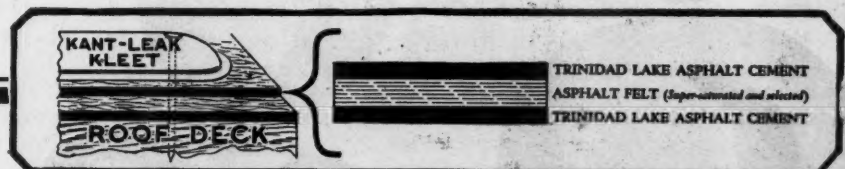
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# Contractor and Builders Indorse Water Softeners

Great Help in Selling Houses, Says W. H. Scheiman of the City and Suburban Building Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**T**HE cistern is gradually being eliminated as the source of soft water supply in homes throughout the hard water regions of the country, and here's the reason.

It costs too much, capacity for capacity, as compared with the mechanical water softener.

Hygiene cites the evil of this filthy, stagnant storage pool; medical authorities lambast its disease spreading agencies; chemists who have analyzed cistern water broadcast warnings from the house tops, but the contractors and builders of America, in full recognition and appreciation of the cistern's effect on health, have their own reasons for installing mechanical water softeners to provide soft water in homes they are building.

They see it now as a factor greatly increasing the salability of their homes. They have come to realize, too, that, capacity for capacity, the mechanical water softener is cheaper than a cistern.

No less an authority than W. H. Scheiman, general manager of the City and Suburban Building Company, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, one of the largest concerns of its kind in that section of the country, declares that the water softener opens up a new era of economy and efficiency in home building, from the standpoint of first cost as well as in consideration of the constant expense that always attends the construction of a cistern.

The building program of the City and Suburban company for 1925 contemplates the erection of at least 50 homes, and this number may be increased by 25 if conditions are at all favorable, Mr. Scheiman says. In this year's building campaign, he says, the City and Suburban Company will use more mechanical water softeners than ever before.

"We are convinced, through our experience in 1924, that a home equipped with a water softener is a far more attractive home to a buyer than one equipped with a cistern.

"Our cost records show us that, capacity for capacity, it is actually cheaper for us to install water softeners in place of cisterns."

In those cities where a great amount of building is being done at this time, or where the building boom has continued for several years, it is not unusual to see whole sections in residential districts laid out and built up without the use of a single cistern.

This rather new departure in residential building practice is self explanatory. The water softener provides the medium of combining economy of installation and operation, with service of quality and contributes greatly to the salability of homes. Such a combination of qualities in any one piece of household equipment is as rare as it is desirable.

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Before the mechanical or "base-exchange" water softener was brought to its present stage of perfection, it was often considered rather a costly device, although even in those days its utility and desirability largely counteracted the item of cost. Today, however, the cost of the perfected base-exchange softener is on a parity with many other articles which enter into the construction and equipment of a thoroughly modern home, and its upkeep is an item so small as to be really surprising.

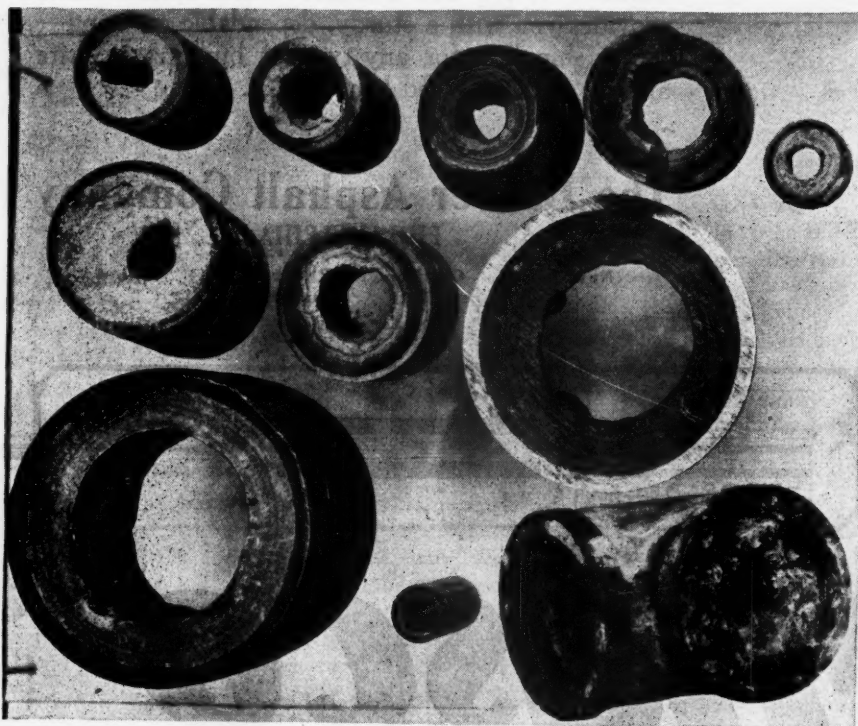
Since the man who builds houses on a large scale must be ever vigilant to see that the buyers of his homes are satisfied, and contented, he must build houses which reduce upkeep and maintenance to a minimum. He must guard against the development of excess expenditures, while always considering the comfort and convenience of those who are to occupy the homes. The mechanical water softener is one of the devices which admirably serve this end.

There are standards of construction to be upheld. There are standards of equipment to be borne in mind and adhered to, but the features that stamp the modern home as being especially desirable are the refinements here and there that distinguish it from the ordinary run of homes the world over.

Obviously, the builder who wishes to sell his houses rapidly, if he builds on a large scale, must cultivate and safeguard the satisfaction of his buyers. One disgruntled occupant of one of his homes can do much to destroy the salability of other houses he has built.

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In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for instance, there has recently been completed what is called the "Ideal Electric Home." It has been built and equipped on a co-operative basis, various contractors and merchants taking part in its construction and equipment.

Of course this ideal home contains a water softener, for the mechanical softener is admittedly ideal equipment for any home. When ideal equipment goes hand in hand with economy, it becomes something greatly to be desired.

Today, as never before in our history, the American public is coming to a realization of the importance of its water supply. Extensive research work is being done all over the country with regard to water purification and allied subjects. In some sections of the country where cisterns are used—and in 65 per cent of the territory of the United States cisterns provide the only source of soft water—there is legislation directed toward safeguarding the users of cistern water from possible disease through contamination of the cistern water.

In apartment houses, where provision of soft water has long been a troublesome item, the mechanical water softener steps into the breach just as if it has been especially designed to solve the problems of the apartment house builder. It is the only possible way to provide a constant supply of soft water in an apartment house.

So varied are the types and sizes of water softeners available today that the smallest homes as well as the largest apartment houses, not to mention great industrial establishment, large hotels, laundries, public institutions and extensive textile mills, may find water softeners to suit their needs.

## How to Select the Right Kind of Plumbing Fixtures

By KARL WILLIAM ZOELLER

*Author of "Merchandising the Plumbing Business."*

**I**T may occur to our readers that it is not necessary to know "How to select the right kind of plumbing fixtures," provided one has the price.

But when you stop to consider that 50 per cent and often more of the total plumbing investment is hidden under floors, between the walls or buried in the ground, it immediately is apparent that great care should be exercised in purchases of plumbing supplies.

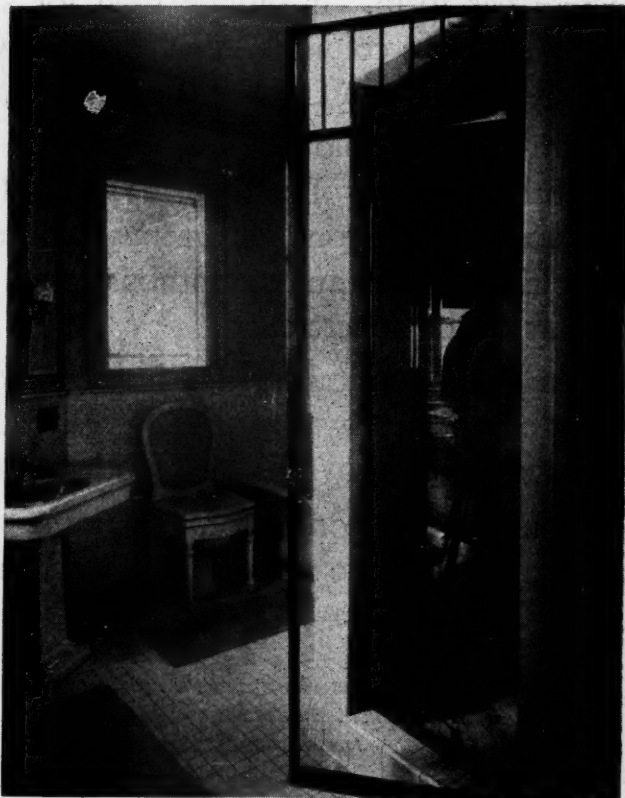
One bad spot in plumbing installation can easily run up a larger repair bill than the total cost of the whole plumbing job. For that reason the science of Sanitary Engineering as the modern plumber designates his work, is regulated by state and city laws and regulations. Codes, they are called, and are created for the health and welfare of the public.

The plumber has been much maligned in the past for his bad business practices; almost every joke paper has carried stories of the plumber going back to his shop for tools. But the truth of the matter is quite the contrary; the general public have so little knowledge of the details or functions of sanitary work that the plumber is ordered to do a job quite different from that which he finds necessary when he arrives on the scene.

It will also become apparent to builders that it is quite as important to let the plumbing job to a competent plumbing contractor as it is to buy the right kind of fixtures and supplies.

To visualize the innumerable details of what is required to complete a proper plumbing installation would require more space than we have in these articles; but briefly we can enumerate some of the most essential.

Soil pipe to carry off the waste is first, then there are the water supply lines leading into the house; it requires a careful judgment to know the correct size of these in order to insure an even pressure all through the building. We all probably have had experience in the old house where it was impossible to get water when someone downstairs was using it. That fault is eliminated by the correct installation at the time the house is built.



Showers in Separate Cabinets Are a Convenience, the Value of Which Is Readily Apparent, but a Wall Cabinet Through Which the Plumber Can Make Adjustments in the Tub or Shower Connections Is Equally Valuable.

Then there's the matter of risers; it is of the utmost importance that they are correctly sized and properly located to function properly. Faucets, valves and cocks come next; here is a much discussed subject—you'll find these articles offered at a wide range in price, but we



believe you will agree with us that in as important an item as this, only the best is cheap.

Many of the valve manufacturers are now telling their story in the public prints and builders can get a good idea of their comparative values by reading these advertisements.

Vents are important from a health angle and it is a fine point of plumbing engineering to handle this detail correctly. It is through the vents that the gases and odors escape.

There is usually a cabinet placed, either in the bathroom wall or just outside, through which the plumber may easily make adjustments in case of trouble to the bath tub or shower bath connections.

In one of the preceding articles we have spoken of hot water heaters, which are the source of much comfort and convenience to the household. The fixtures have all been described in our second article. We said of them that it is not difficult to buy good looking fixtures because you can see your purchases, but it is to the hidden supplies that contractors should give careful attention.

The good work of the Copper and Brass Association is a big help to contractors in educating the public to the merits of brass pipe throughout the house. This is a definite example of selling the public the best equipment on the basis that it is the cheapest in the end.

In offering plumbing contracts, builders should select with care progressive plumbers, men who by the character of their work, the appearance of their shops and their standing in the community, indicate that they have the necessary ability to install your plumbing on such a basis that it will be a credit to your new building.

Many of the modern contracting plumbers have displays of plumbing merchandise and the builder may see the complete plumbing layout before deciding. In some communities it is necessary to do business through the plumbing jobber, because he has the only display. But we close our articles with the admonition—be sure that the plumbing contractor is a responsible one. And when you do this, you'll find that even if it costs a trifle more, it is cheaper in the end.



The Right Kind of Fixtures for the Bathroom Mean Comfort for the Home, but These Fixtures Should Be Backed Up by Quality in the Hidden Plumbing Which Supplements Them or It Will Be a Source of Future Trouble and Expense.

## NEWS of the FIELD



### Architectural Competition Announced

**A**N architectural competition, with cash prizes amounting to \$3,200, has been inaugurated by the United States Gypsum Company, to be conducted under the auspices of the American Institute of Architects.

This competition is for the four best house designs in each of two classes, for houses to be built of Structolite fireproof construction. One set of prizes is for the winning five-room bungalow designs; the other for the winning six-room, two-story dwelling designs.

There are two first prizes of \$500 each, two second prizes of \$300 each, two third prizes of \$200 each, two fourth prizes of \$100 each and twenty prizes of \$50 each for honorable mention. The purpose of the competition is to acquaint architects with the merits of Structolite as a fireproof building material in the construction of small as well as large buildings. The competition closes April 15.

Full details may be secured by writing the United States Gypsum Company, Fireproofing Division, 205 West Monroe Street, Chicago.

### Formally Open New Plant

**A** FORMAL opening of the new plant of the American Flor Surfacing Machine Company, 508-542 S. St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio, was held on Saturday, February 21, from one to four in the afternoon. Invitations were issued and many people showed their interest by attending the opening and inspecting the company's new equipment.

### National Plans New Plant

**P**LANS have just been completed for an addition to the plant of the National Manufacturing Company, Sterling, Ill., to take care of the rapidly increasing demand for National hardware. This addition will be a five-story reinforced concrete building, 110 by 120 feet, adjoining the main factory and will be faced with brick to conform with the rest of the plant. It will be used both for manufacturing and warehouse purposes and will permit about 50 per cent increase in working equipment.

The new structure will be a model of industrial construction. The floors will be of concrete slabs and the stairs will be of iron or iron and concrete. Every precaution will be taken to make a complete fireproof building, including a sprinkling system. Windows will extend the full length of each story,



making it a daylight factory. Work will be begun as soon as the ground is clear and the weather permits, probably about the first of April.



### General Fireproofing Convention

THE Ninth Annual Convention of The General Fireproofing Company was held February 12, 13 and 14, and was attended by dealers and salesmen from all parts of the United States. New products and methods of building construction were discussed during the three day session and the visitors were entertained each evening by special programs.

Mr. Foster, president of the company, was unable to be present, and the convention was formally opened by Mr. S. S. French, vice-president and general manager.

Mr. French spoke on "Our Facilities," in which he included not only machinery in the plant, but also ideas, plans and co-operation of the entire organization.

Speaking of prices, he predicted a general downward trend for the next five years. This country, he stated, is in a prosperous condition, growing rapidly, expanding in a business way and increasing in population. Many new homes are being built and there should be no let-up in building operations. He could see no depression for the next five years, despite the present high wages.

Other speakers were, W. B. Turner, sales manager; Commissioner Wharton Clay; R. S. Gildart, advertising manager; O. W. Chaffee, credit manager; F. M. Russell, traffic manager; H. I. Glazier, assistant sales manager; John Travers, manager of the waterproofing service department; D. M. Strickland, manager of the American Rolling Mill Co.; Charles Johnston, district manager; J. P. Stalker, manager of the engineering and service department.

### New Awning Patterns

THE demand for awnings today calls for something "different" and out of the ordinary and manufacturers are producing new patterns to meet this demand. The 1925 sample book, just issued by John Boyle & Co., Inc., of New York and St. Louis, shows many brilliant effects in both woven and painted fabrics, which will undoubtedly interest the householder. For instance, canary yellow is very effectively interwoven with green and white, and another unusual effect is made up of coffee brown interwoven with white and embellished with fine, brilliant red lines.



### W. M. Simpson Lumber Co. Moves Office

ON February 14, 1925, the W. M. Simpson Lumber Company moved its general offices for its sixteen yards, and also the wholesale office, from Indianapolis, Ind., to Paris, Ill.



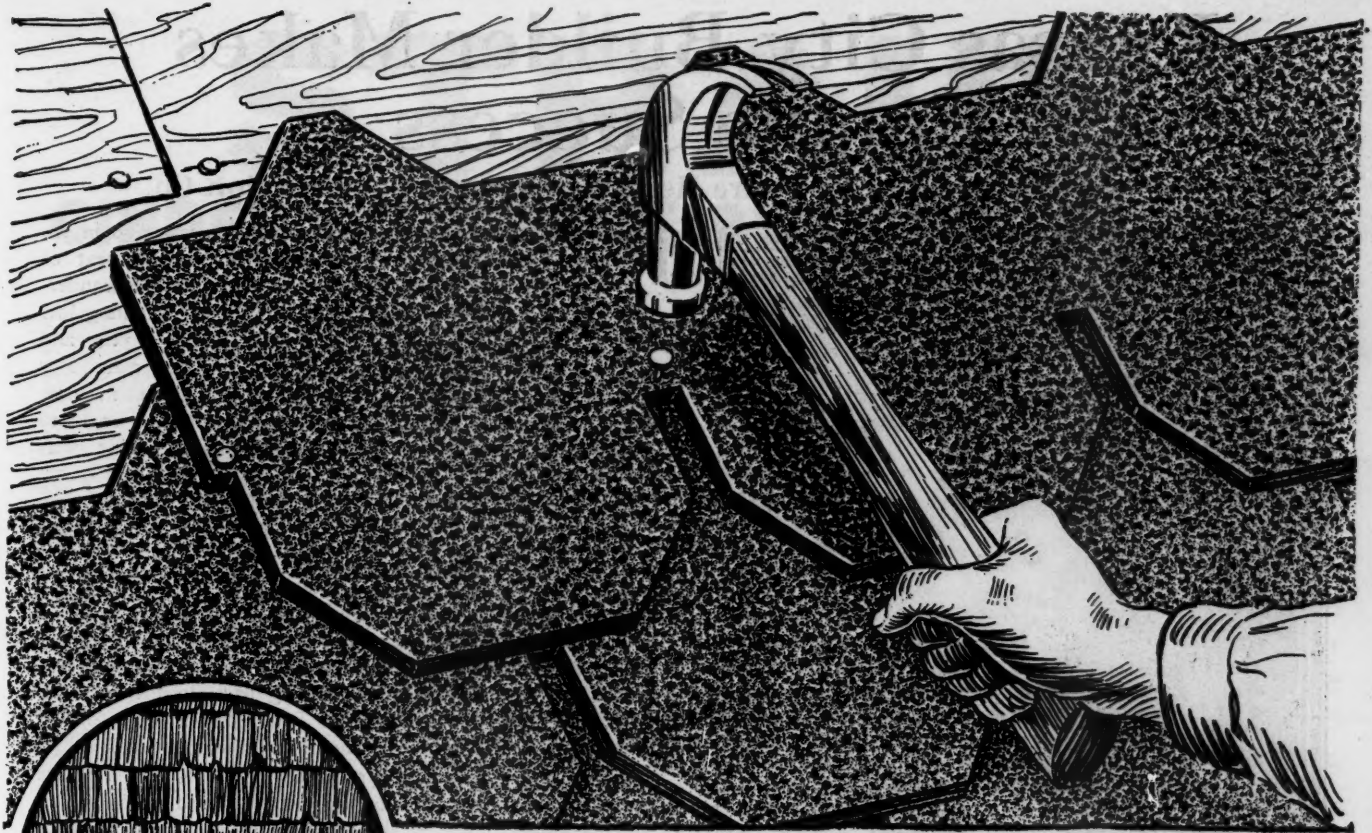
### Van Guilder System Changes Hands

A N entirely new organization has taken over the business of the Van Guilder System Concrete Building, Inc., which was formerly located at Rochester, N. Y. The new management, operating under the same name and under the direction of George Burford Hopper as president, has established itself at 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

The Van Guilder System is a method of constructing double monolithic concrete walls by the use of machines which make unnecessary the customary wood or metal forms. As an officer of Isaac A. Hopper Sons, Mr. Hopper used the Van Guilder System on a number of construction jobs for his company and was so favorably impressed by it that he interested several of his friends, with the result that they finally organized to take over the business.



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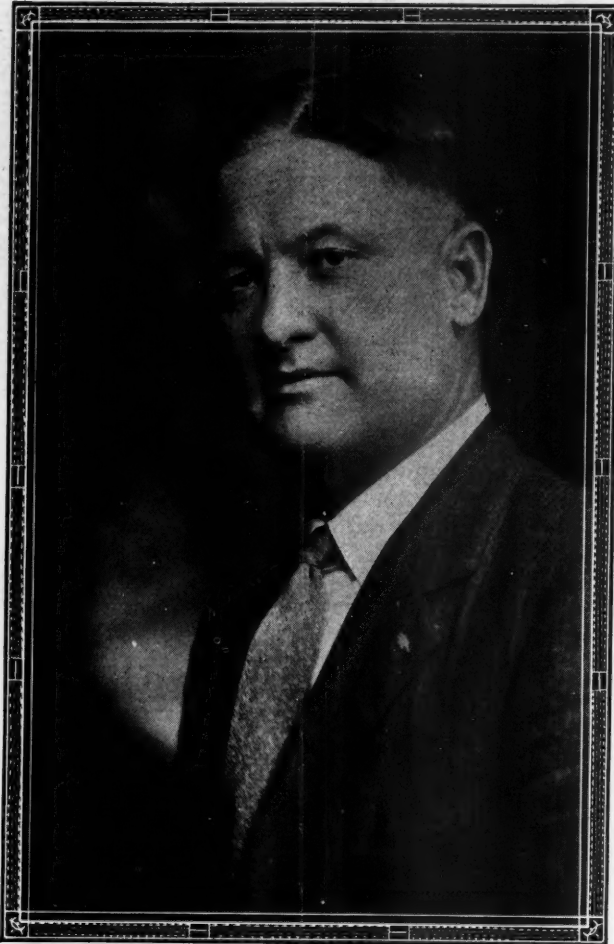
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## OCTAB STRIP-SHINGLE



# Kansas City Builder Makes Unique Success

Obstacles Prove Boost to Live-wire Head of the Fogel Construction Co.



Paul M. Fogel, Head of the Fogel Construction Company, of Kansas City, Is Still a Young Man with a Future as Well as a Past Success.

**P**AUL M. FOGEL was born forty-two years ago in the little Nebraska town of Nelson, the county seat of Nuckolls County. When fourteen years old the wanderlust struck him and he headed south. His funds running low he got a job on a farm and stuck with it for a year and a half and then decided he would be a railroad man. For five years or thereabouts he served as brakeman, fireman, and in construction work on the railroad and then came to Kansas City where his parents were living. This was July, 1901.

The young railroader's first job in Kansas City was an apprentice carpenter at thirty cents an hour. He showed aptitude with the hammer and plane and soon was a full-fledged carpenter with his union card in his overalls pocket. Six years at the carpenter trade and Paul Fogel made a decision. He told his father, who was then with the Kansas City Elevator Company, that either he was going to get into business for himself or he was going back to the railroad. And it was then that the firm of Fogel & Son was formed for the purpose of doing a general building business.

The business grew and prospered and late in 1916 the Fogel Construction Company was incorporated with M. L. Fogel, president; Paul M. Fogel, vice-president and manager, and Lyle Fogel, secretary-treasurer. Fogel & Son and the Fogel Construction Company have been active in business in building operations in Kansas City. Some of their larger contracts have been the Kansas City Terminal, exclusive of the Union Station itself; the Gate City Bank Building; Wesley Hospital; Gateway Station; the Campbell Baking Company plant; the Westport Junior High School, which is under construction at this time.

Several of the important Fogel jobs of late have made large use of cinder concrete blocks. "In keeping the costs in the use of cinder blocks on our different jobs," Mr. Fogel writes, "we have found that we can save about 10 per cent for plastering on cinder block. There is also a saving of at least 50 per cent on labor in placing grounds on cinder block partitions. Comparing the cost of building a 12-inch cinder block wall with a 12-inch brick wall, will say if common brick were \$5.00 per thousand delivered on the job; we could build the wall 8 by 12 by 16-inch block as cheaply."

But to go back a little. One might think and naturally that a technical education would be necessary for the sort of work that Paul Fogel has been doing. It would be for most men but all the "book-learning" Mr. Fogel received was in the grade school and three months in the high school at Superior, Neb. His education, however, did not stop there. He has educated himself by study and hard work and it is doubtful if there are many better posted men in Kansas City along a variety of lines than is this young man who left the little Nebraska town at the age of fourteen years to make a living.

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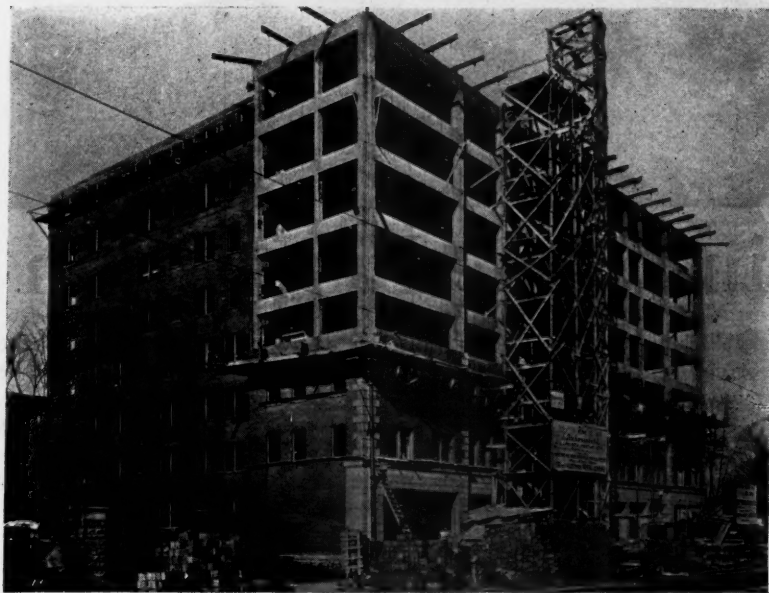


Felix Theatre, Kansas City. Fogel Construction Co., Builders. Harry Drake, Architect.



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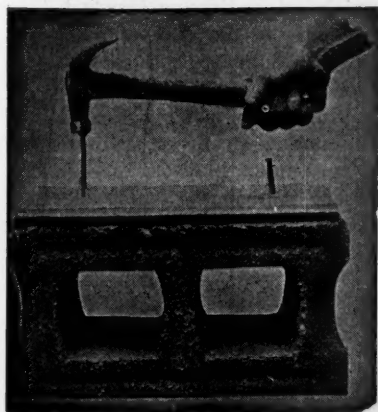
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# MOTOR TRUCKS and TRAILERS



## Truck Cleaning and Inspection

**T**HE following are important points which should be attended to in going over the motor truck for cleaning and inspection, and which are too frequently overlooked:

The drip pan under the motor should not be allowed to accumulate dirt, grease and oil, since it may be the cause of a serious fire or accident. The pan should be removed from time to time and scrubbed with kerosene. A stiff brush should be kept on hand for this purpose.

The motor itself should be kept clean. An effective method of washing down the dirt and oil is to spray kerosene over the outside of the engine, or to apply a mixture of half kerosene and gasoline freely with a brush. In using a brush for this purpose, be careful not to let the metal part of the brush come in contact with electric terminals, since this may cause a short circuit and the consequent risk of fire. While cleaning the motor, it is a good plan to go over all outside nuts and to tighten them. Be sure that all nuts are securely held in place with a cotter pin or lock washer.

Oil leaks in various parts of the truck must be carefully watched and remedied. Detecting these leaks on the street or on the garage floor is usually impossible, but if the operator will occasionally place a large piece of wrapping paper under the car while it is standing in the garage, he will have little difficulty in locating the source of the trouble.

On practically all trucks, the oil and gasoline lines are equipped with strainers to insure that dirt and grit will not pass through. These strainers should be removed and carefully cleaned at regular intervals of about a thousand

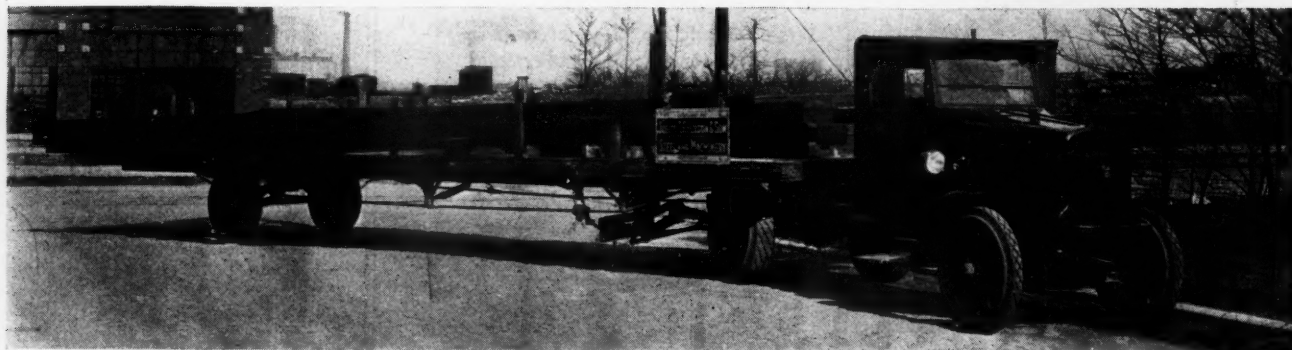
miles. The strainers can be located by referring to the truck instruction book. When removed, they should be permitted to dry and then the dirt should be blown out. Do not remove dirt by picking the screen with pins, as this will ruin the strainer.

Many truck operators neglect the underside of their car and this is very largely the reason why so many nuts, bolts, lock-washers and other small parts of cars are soon scattered on the highways. It is true that road strains, vibration, etc., tend to loosen many parts underneath the truck and to cause considerable damage unless measures are adopted to avoid this. The operator should know at all times, the condition of his truck underneath the body, and should go over the nuts and bolts at intervals, tightening them and making sure that they are securely fastened with cotter-pins and lock-nuts.



### How to Manipulate Truck at Curb

**T**HE proper way to park a truck in a narrow space at the curb is to turn into the space driving forward, then out to get the truck at an angle to the curb and back in, turning the wheels as a bit of practice will show best. In manipulating the truck, the front wheels should never be turned by moving the steering wheel when the vehicle is not in motion. This puts undue strain on the steering apparatus and will cause too much play in the steering gear. If it becomes necessary to turn the front wheels of a truck while it is standing still, they should be moved by forcing not only the steering wheel, but also by pulling the front wheels around.



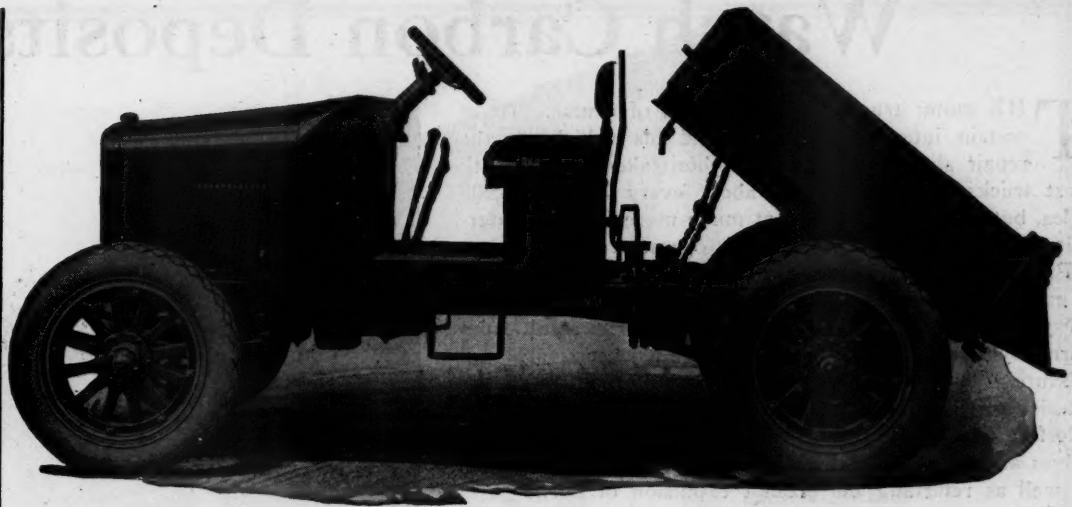
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# Watch Carbon Deposits

**T**HE motor truck operator knows, of course, that at certain intervals he must send his vehicle to the repair shop to have "the carbon taken out." With most trucks this is necessary about every 2,000 or 3,000 miles, but it may be required at much more frequent intervals, depending on how the truck is operated.

Excessive carbon deposits in the combustion chamber of a gasoline engine very often cause loss of power and noisy operation of the motor. These deposits result from burnt cylinder oil and sometimes from excessively rich mixture. They accumulate on the piston top and in the interior of the combustion head and valve chamber. They interfere with correct valve operation by gumming up the valves and prevent a full charge from reaching the motor, as well as retarding the prompt expulsion of burnt gases by building up around the valves.

The deposits in the cylinder head may cause trouble, owing to some projecting particle remaining incandescent from the heat of a previous explosion and firing the fresh charge prematurely. Carbon deposits always produce loss of power, but their presence is usually clearly indicated by a pronounced knocking or pounding noise. The only remedy for this defective condition is to remove them from the engine interior. This is done by scraping away the material with small hoe-form steel scrapers that may be inserted through the holes left when the valve chamber caps are removed, or by removing the cylinder head if the construction permits. This accumulation may be prevented by careful supervision of the amount of oil supplied the motor, making sure that it is never in excess of the actual requirements, using only the best grades of cylinder oil and by careful regulation of the fuel mixtures. These deposits may be reduced to some extent by injecting three or four tablespoonfuls of kerosene into the cylinders at the end of a day's run, through the priming cocks. This softens the deposit which has accumulated during the day, and when the engine is started up the next morning the dissolved carbon will be ejected through the exhaust, as it will be carried out by the burnt gases. The soft deposit is not difficult to cope with and, in fact, various chemical carbon removers are advertised quite extensively which will remove it without making it necessary to take the motor apart, and it may be burned out with the aid of oxygen, provided the accumulations are not of too long standing.

## Tack This in Your Garage SAFETY LAST

**L**IES slumbering here one William Lake; he heard the bell, but had no brake.

At fifty miles drove Ollie Pidd; he thought he would not skid, but did.

At ninety miles drove Eddie Shawn; the motor stopped but "Ed" kept on.

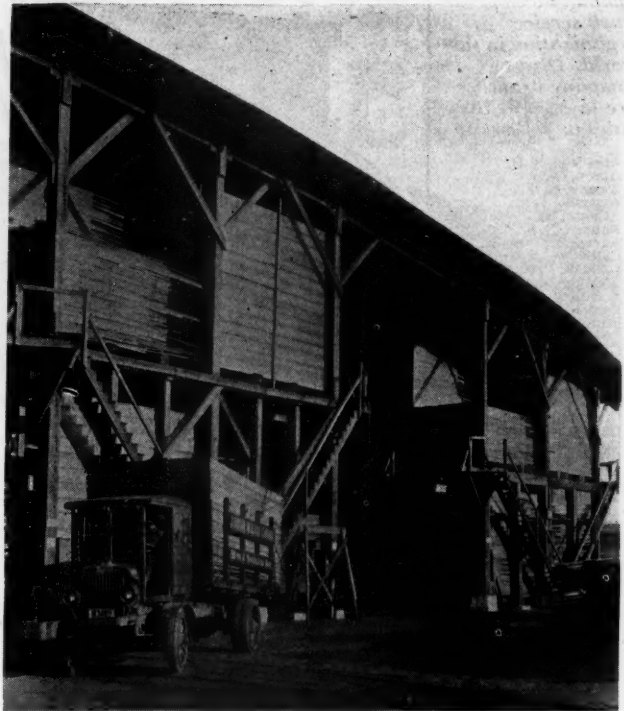
Here he sleeps, one Johnnie Fonker; he rounded a turn without a honker.

Down in the creek sleeps Jerry Bass; the bridge was narrow, he tried to pass.

Beneath this stone sleeps William Raines; ice on the hill—he had no chains.

Here lies the body of William Jay, who died maintaining his right of way.

Here rests the remains of Percival Sapp; he drove his machine with a girl in his lap.



Again the Truck Enables Quick Delivery of Lumber to the Construction Job and with Demountable Bodies There Need Be no Delay for Loading and Unloading on the Larger Jobs.

The hard, thoroughly baked on carbon can only be removed positively by mechanical means.



## Adjusting the Carburetor

**M**ANY truck operators are familiar with the construction and arrangement of the carburetor, yet find it necessary to enlist the services of a repair shop when adjustments are required. This is generally because they are not familiar with the symptoms which indicate the necessity for adjustment, and how these may be properly taken care of. Here are a few brief points to assist in a correct understanding of the carburetor.

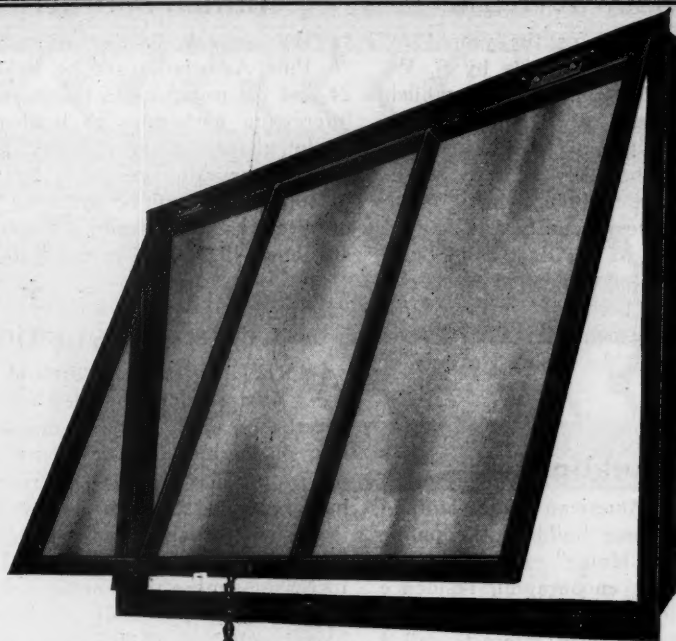
When the carburetor is flooding, giving too much gasoline, either (1) the float is too high; (2) the float is soaked with gasoline; (3) the seating of the inlet needle valve is imperfect, or (4) there is dirt in the inlet needle valve.

If there is not enough gasoline passing through, either (1) the float is too low; (2) there is a sediment or obstruction of some kind between the needle valve and seat, or (3) there is a sediment, water, or some obstruction in the bowl, feed pipe or in the connections.

Backfiring or sudden stopping is generally the result of a mixture that is too lean. Unless this is caused by one of the items mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the chances are that the needle valve is too far closed. Air leaks around the throttle stem, at carburetor flange, or around the gaskets between the inlet manifold and cylinder block may also be responsible for this.

When the mixture is too rich, the needle valve is too far open. Sometimes this is caused by the choker valve being shut or by any of the items mentioned above under "flooding." A leaky carburetor may usually be traced to a puncture in the bowl, to an imperfect gasket or to a loose feed pipe connection.

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### Building Permits Show Increase

OFFICIAL building permit figures for the year 1924, according to a survey of 343 cities, made by S. W. Straus & Co., show a total of \$3,630,258,649 and establish the accuracy of the previous estimate of \$5,750,000,000 for the entire country. The gain over 1923, in the cities reporting, was four per cent, which may be taken as fairly representing the percentage of gain for the whole country.

Since 1923 the location of greatest activity has shifted from the Central and Pacific West to the East and South. In the 25 cities reporting the greatest volume, the percentage of increase varied from seven per cent in New York City to 35 per cent increase for Rochester, N. Y. The South showed a gain of 15 per cent, the greatest of any of the four regional divisions.



### Will Discuss Building

HOW to raise the standard of American homes built in the future, what facts on home building the public should have, and how "Own Your Home" expositions can best be developed as mediums for encouraging residence construction, are among the subjects to be taken up by a convention of the construction and allied interests called by the National Association of Real Estate Boards in connection with the "Own Your Home" Fifth Annual Chicago Exposition to be held at the Coliseum in March.

Officials of more than forty allied trade organizations and associations that a year ago approved the plan of licensing all such expositions and building shows by the National Association of Real Estate Boards have been invited to attend this convention, the first of its kind ever held.



### Mac-Stone Occupies New Plant

THE Mac-Stone Stucco Company, Inc., organized for the purpose of manufacturing Mac-Stone and Oxyment products, has occupied a newly built plant and offices at 1552-1562 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. George V. MacPherson is president of the company and W. S. Steele is sales manager and a member of the firm. Both are well known in the building industry.



### Open New York Office

THE Electric Rotary Machine Co., 3825-3831 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of floor surfacing and refinishing machines have just announced the opening of an eastern sales office, located at Suite 1843, Grand Central Terminal Building, New York City.

The rapid growth of business has made it necessary to locate in New York City, so that the eastern trade may have the opportunity of dealing direct with a resident representative. A complete line of equipment will be on exhibition and available for demonstrating purposes. Mr. H. L. Lorsch, will be the resident representative.



### Administration Building for Employees

THE Kirsch Manufacturing Company, Sturgis, Mich., boast a new institution of which it is justly proud. This is an administration building for the employees which contains a spacious lounging room, ball room, recreation room, dining room and swimming pool.

The building is lavishly furnished and beautifully decorated throughout and the floors are all laid with Asbestone flooring of a shade to harmonize with the general color scheme of the decorations, and quality offering resiliency and durability. The architect is Mr. Ernest S. Batterson, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

### Annual Southern Pine Meeting

THE annual meeting of subscribers to the Southern Pine Association, to be held in New Orleans, March 24 and 25, promises to be one of the most important and interesting gatherings of lumber manufacturers ever held in the history of the industry, according to announcement by Secretary-Manager H. C. Berckes. The general meeting of subscribers will be preceded by meetings of the board of directors and standing committees on March 23. All sessions will be held in the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans.



### Cement Production Sets Record

A REVIEW of the Portland cement industry, based on data compiled by the United States Geological Survey and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that the industry has, during the past year, met an unprecedented demand for its product while prices received by the manufacturers have remained at relatively low levels.

During the past four years shipments have increased from 96,000,000 barrels in 1920 to 145,747,000 barrels in 1924, an increase of more than 50 per cent. During the same period the prices have actually declined from a peak of \$2.02 a barrel in 1920 to \$1.90 in 1923, with the probability that the average for 1924 will be less than that for 1923.

Shipments for 1923 exceeded all previous records by a substantial amount, but 1924 shows a further increase of 7.2 per cent, establishing a still higher record.



### Bonus a Business Investment

AS its eighth annual Christmas bonus, the S. C. Johnson Company, Racine, Wis., distributed \$78,767 among its employees. In all 348 persons participated, including office employees, factory workers and salesmen. Those who had been with the firm for one year received 5 per cent of the amount of their yearly salary and this percentage ranged up to 30 per cent for those with 10 years or more of service.

With each bonus check went a letter from Herbert F. Johnson, senior partner and general manager of the company, expressing his appreciation of the share which each had in making the year's business a success. Mr. Johnson considers this bonus a profitable business move.

"The sales of the company," he says, "have increased 400 per cent since the bonus was inaugurated and the 1924 sales show a larger percentage of profit than any previous year in the history of the business."



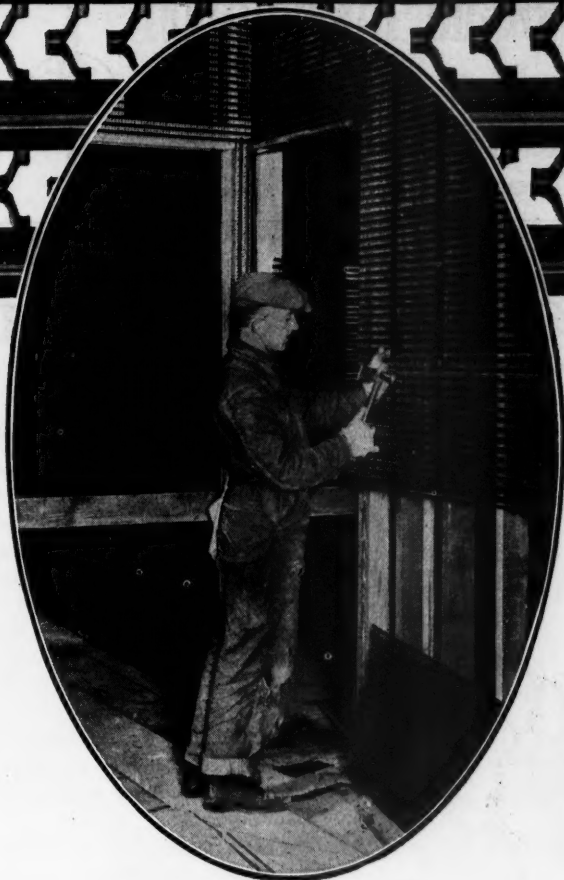
### Mill Construction Booklet

CHAPTER six of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association's Fire Prevention Series, a cumulative work on "Lumber and Its Utilization," has just been issued. This is a booklet prepared in response to a demand for complete and authoritative information on mill construction for factories and warehouses. It is entitled "Fire-Safe Industrial Buildings" and will be followed by another on "Details of Heavy Timber Construction."

The association announces that a copy will be sent free on application to manufacturing companies, interested professional men, and industrial executives. It is in no sense an advertising publication but purely technical and educational in character.

It treats of heavy timber construction as "a new type which has only recently reached its present high state of development" and is therefore not thoroughly known to those trying to select the particular type of construction best suited to their needs.





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## Lower Ceiling Heights Result in New Type of Chandelier

**I**N the days when homes were lighted by gas it was necessary to keep the open gas flame of the chandeliers at a safe distance from the ceiling. Chandeliers were, therefore, built 36 to 40 inches in length. When installed so as to give a clearance of 6½ feet above the floor it was found that the ceiling height of the room must be 9½ to 10 feet. This is the ceiling height that you will find in old residences.

The introduction of electric lights created a new condition. It was no longer necessary to keep the lights several feet away from the ceiling. But it was not until the World War, when the high cost of labor and material forced economies in building construction, that architects generally began to design houses with low ceiling rooms. Today it is quite common to find rooms with ceilings not more than 8¼ or 8½ feet from the floor.

To meet this new condition designers originated a number of attractive, close-up-to-the-ceiling types of chandeliers. These have been favorably received

by architects and by the public and dealers should see that their show rooms contain samples of these ceiling type fixtures since many houses are now being built with ceilings too low for the old type of pendant fixture.

Prior to the development of these ceiling type chandeliers, architects in planning the lighting of a low ceiling room, omitted the central ceiling light

altogether and relied on brackets and portables for illumination. But most people like to have a ceiling fixture for general illumination, using the brackets and portables for auxiliary lights.

One of the first questions the dealer should ask a customer for lighting equipment is: "How are your ceilings?" If the answer is 9½ or 10 feet a pendant type chandelier may be recommended, but if the ceiling height is not much over 8 feet a fixture that fits close to the ceiling will usually be more suitable.

Make the suggestion to your customer anyway and tell him the reason why close-up-to-the-ceiling fixtures are coming into fashion. We have given you the reason in this article—the long pendant fixture dates back to the days of open gas flames when ceilings had to be higher than is now necessary.

You might add that in a room with a low ceiling there is a distinct advantage in placing the lights close to the ceiling since in this position they will be removed from the line of vision and the light will be more generally diffused than would be the case if the light were nearer the floor.

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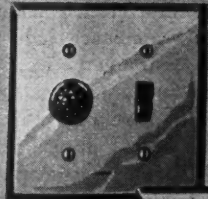
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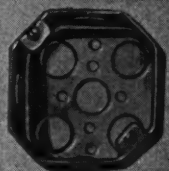
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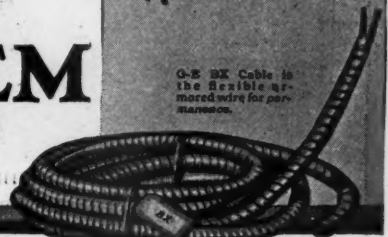


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# Electricity in the American Home

**"U**SE of electrical appliances in the home dates back only comparatively few years but during that time its rate of growth has been amazing," says the National Bank of Commerce in New York. In the February issue of Commerce Monthly the bank says:

"The first electric lamp was marketed about 1880, and the domestic appliance industry proper had its beginning about twenty years ago. In 1924 trade estimates place total sales of appliances, fixtures and other electrical merchandise used by retail consumers (as contrasted with commercial and industrial users) at well over a billion dollars. Sales of electricity to all consumers, residential, commercial, power and other public utilities amounted to \$1,270,000,000 in 1923 and are estimated at \$1,335,100,000 for 1924. Of these totals about 50 per cent, represent sales of electricity for domestic consumption.

"Conditions resulting from the war are mainly responsible for the rapid advance in the household appliance industry, since 1914. Probably 90 per cent of all goods bought at retail are purchased by women, and the remarkable increase in sales of domestic appliances which has taken place since 1914 may be said to reflect the economic and industrial changes that have affected the average home. Between 1910 and 1920 the population of the United States increased 15 per cent. During the same period, the number of domestic and personal servants decreased nearly 25 per cent. Restricted immigration made the problem more acute. The labor saving electrical appliance helped to fill the need thus created. Other causes, however, have been contributory. Within the past two or three years the tremendous building that has been going on has been reflected in the rapid increase in the number of domestic customers. The growing popularity of apartment

dwelling and small houses has favored the use of electrical appliances. Willingness of the American public to try new things, comparatively low rates of operation, effective advertising by both light and power companies and manufacturers of appliances, all have helped advance the use of domestic appliances in the average American home.

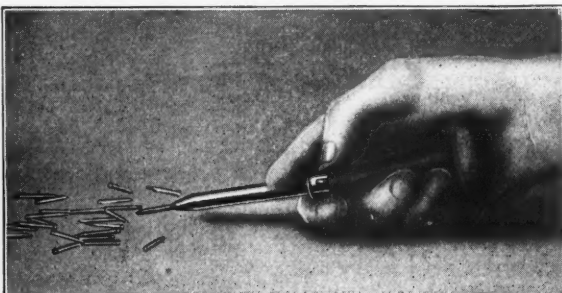
"The use of domestic appliances improves the load factor for the electric light company, and the expansion of the household appliance field came in part from the companies' efforts to eliminate the expensive off-peak periods that occur during the greater part of the day.

"Probably the real forerunner of the modern domestic appliance was the electric fan. Its simplicity of operation and dependable performance did much to popularize the use of electricity in the average home. Today the electric iron stands far ahead among domestic electrical appliances in use, with the vacuum cleaner next, and the fan third. Of all branches of the electrical appliance industry, radio has shown the most rapid rate of expansion in the past four years. Since November, 1920, when the first radio broadcasting for entertainment took place, it has become one of the most important branches of the electrical field."

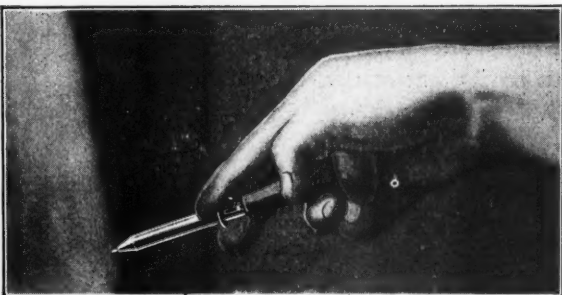
## \$150,000,000 for Public Buildings

**T**HE House of Representatives, on February 2, passed a lump appropriation bill of \$150,000,000 for public buildings throughout the United States for the next five years. It is believed that a lump sum appropriation will eliminate the former practice of distributing the money according to Congressional Districts, instead of according to the real needs of the cities in which the buildings were to be erected.

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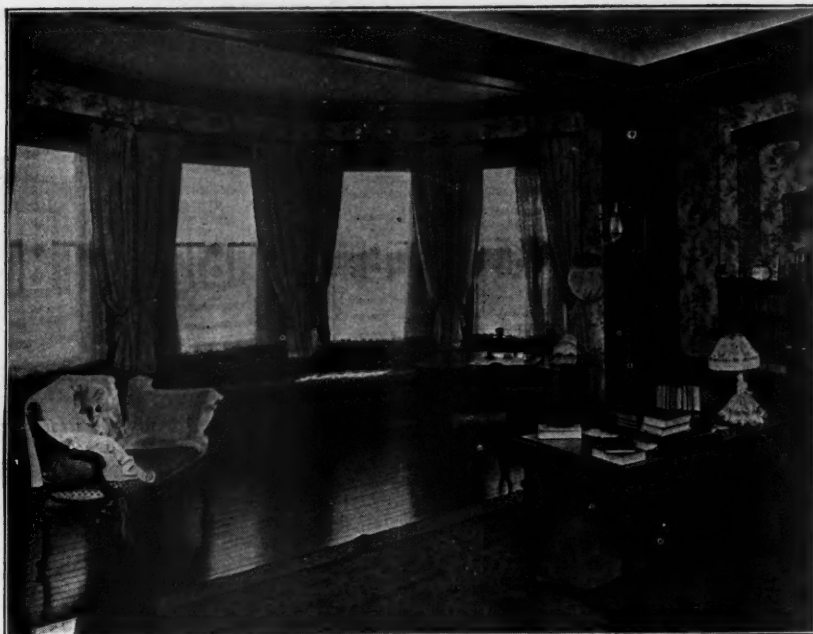
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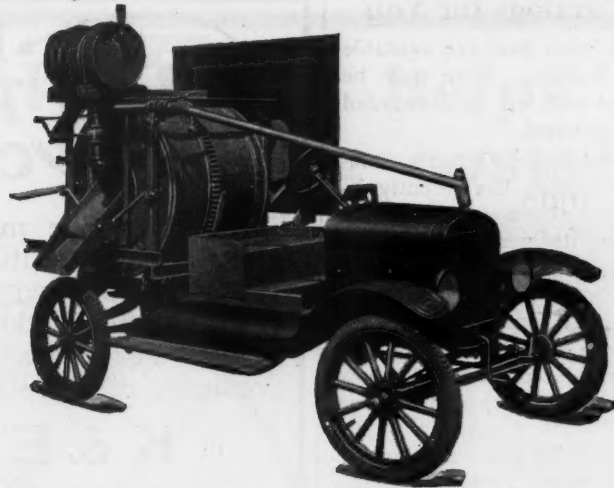
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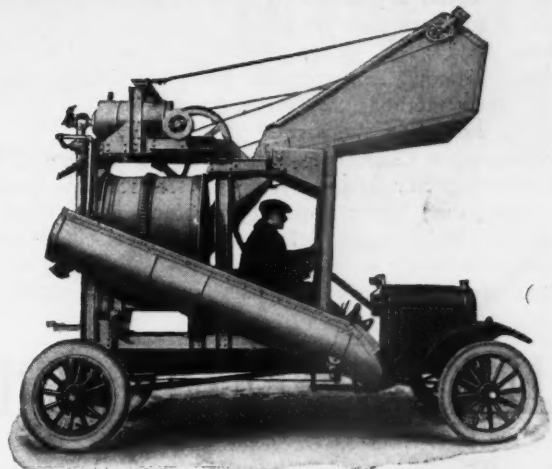
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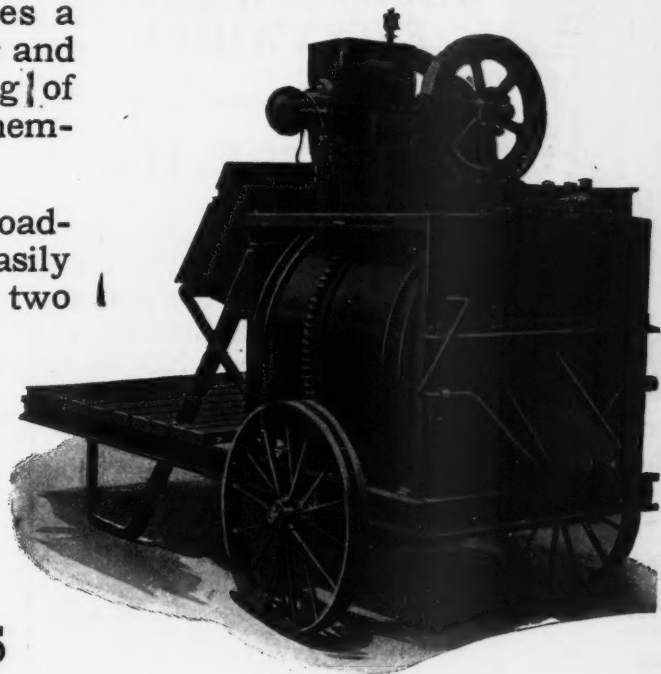
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"Structolite Homes." The United States Gypsum Company, 205 West Monroe Street, Chicago, has recently issued an illustrated booklet under the above title describing this fireproof building material and its merits in the construction of permanent, fireproof dwellings. The material is a gypsum concrete, poured in forms, said to have great strength and heat insulating value. Halftone reproductions of construction photographs show a number of dwellings built of this material and sheets of blue print details show several types of Structolite wall and chimney construction and finish.

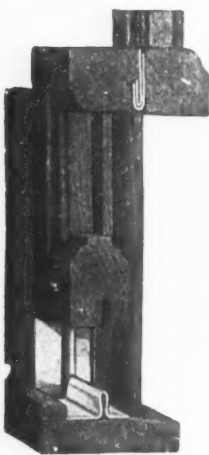
"Wood Preserving News," the monthly publication of the American Wood-Preservers' Association, 1146 Otis Building, Chicago, Ill., contains information for those interested in prolonging the life of wood by various processes of treatment.

"The Wood Universal" is published monthly by the North Carolina Pine Association, Norfolk, Va., at a subscription rate of one dollar a year. It is devoted to the production and use of southern pine products.

"Alpha Aids," No. 40, of the Alpha Portland Cement Company, Easton, Pa., contains two interesting articles on the proper methods of storing cement and the making of cement blocks on the farm.

The Beardslee Chandelier Manufacturing Company, 216 South Jefferson St., Chicago, has just issued a new catalog (S-7) containing illustrations, descriptions and prices of between 400 and 500 chandeliers and brackets. The thing that will particularly interest dealers in this catalog is the fact that every item listed can be shipped within 24 hours after receipt of order.

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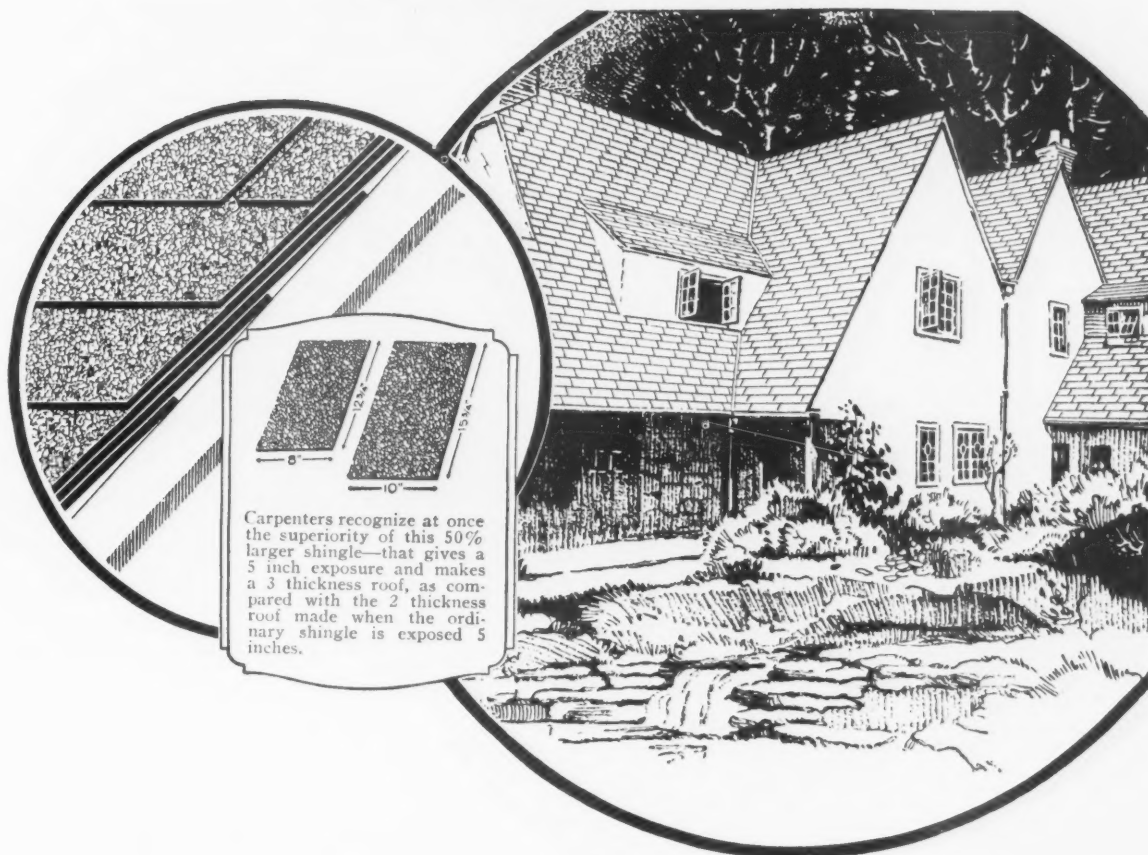
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Richardson & Boynton Company, 260 Fifth Avenue, New York City, has established a time payment plan to assist dealers in marketing its line of heating and cooking apparatus. This plan is described in a small booklet and necessary printed forms are supplied with it.

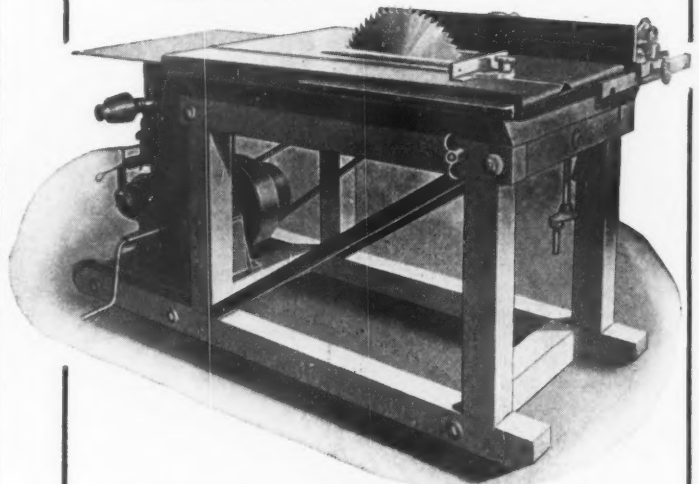
U. S. Bureau of Standards, Circular 192, is issued by the government printing office for five cents a copy. It contains specifications for asphalt prepared roofing based on a four years' investigation by the Bureau, in co-operation with manufacturers and large consumers of this material.

"How Structures Withstood the Japanese Earthquake and Fire," published by the Portland Cement Association, is a report prepared by H. M. Hadley, district engineer in charge of the Seattle office of the association. It tells the story of concrete resistance to the earthquake and the causes of failure where damage was done.

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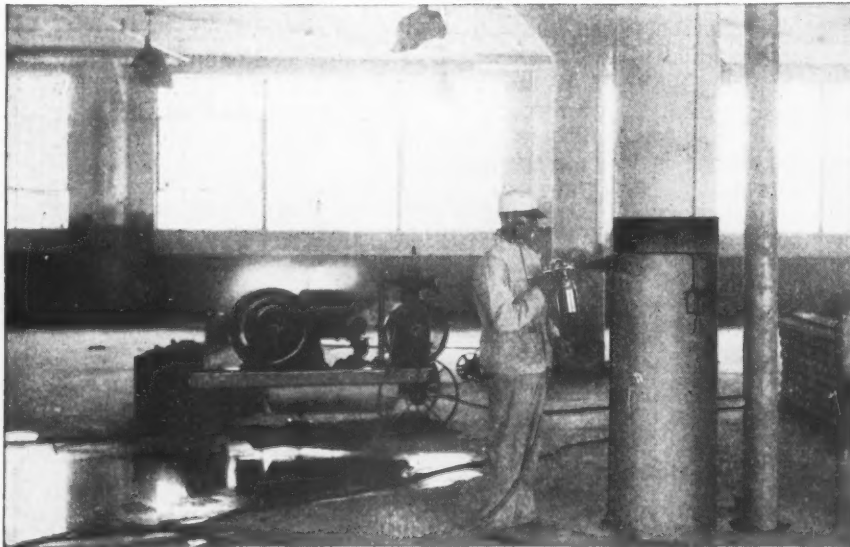
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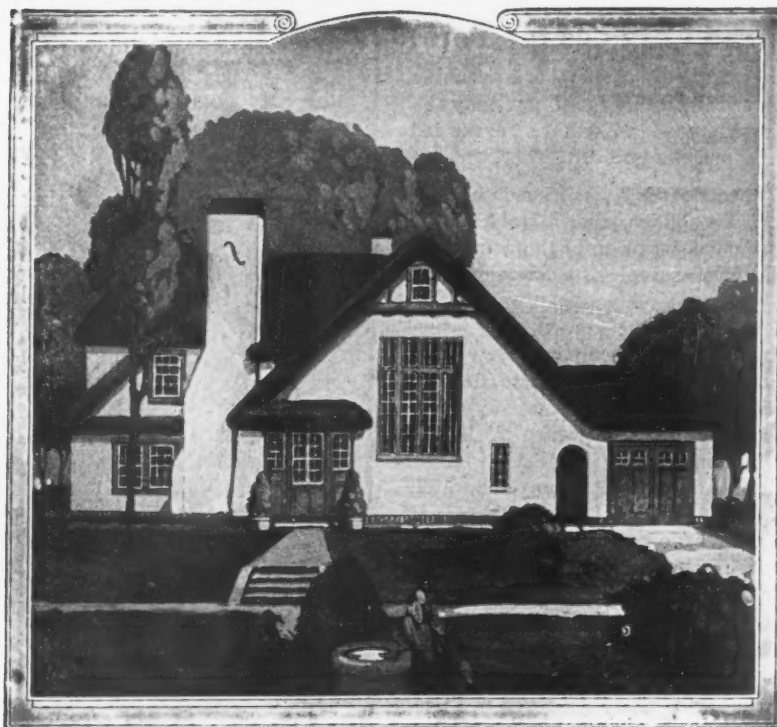
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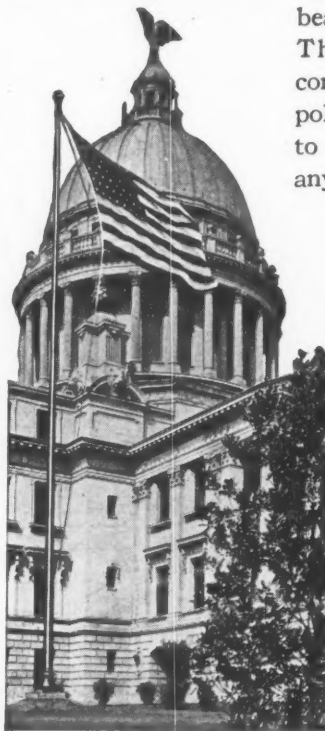
"T & B Registers and Grills," is the new catalog issued by the Tuttle & Bailey Manufacturing Company, New York City. It is a 76-page book containing complete descriptive matter, prices and illustrations of the company's line.

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"Metal Lath News," published by the Associated Metal Lath Manufacturers, Inc., 123 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., contains, in No. 5, Vol. II, an insert, Design Data for Metal Lath Construction No. 3, giving the construction detail for stucco walls, with drawings showing the method of installing steel sash, insulation and flashing in back-plastered metal lath stucco walls.

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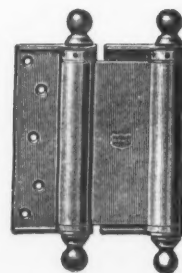
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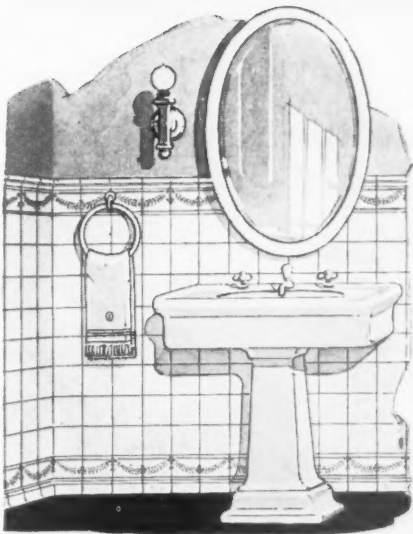
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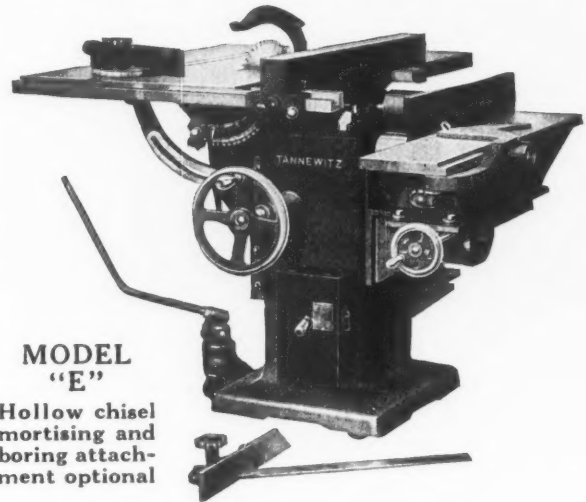
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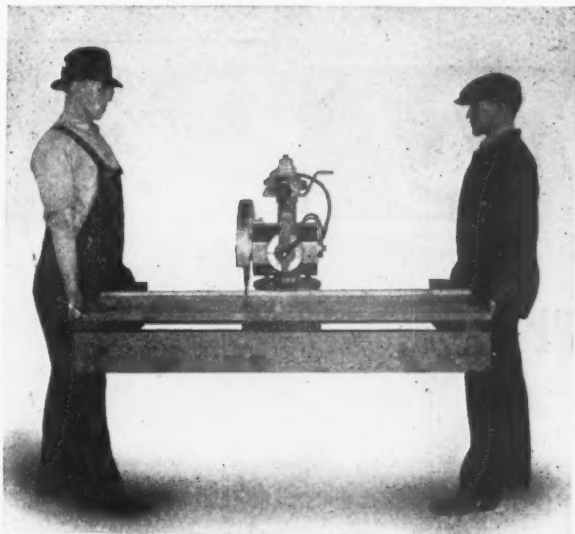
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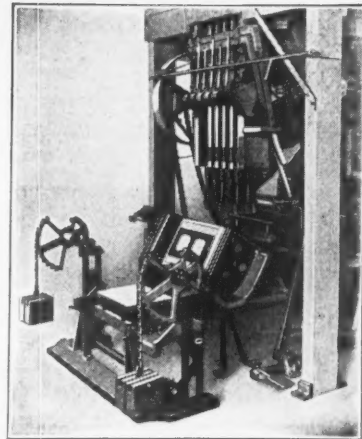
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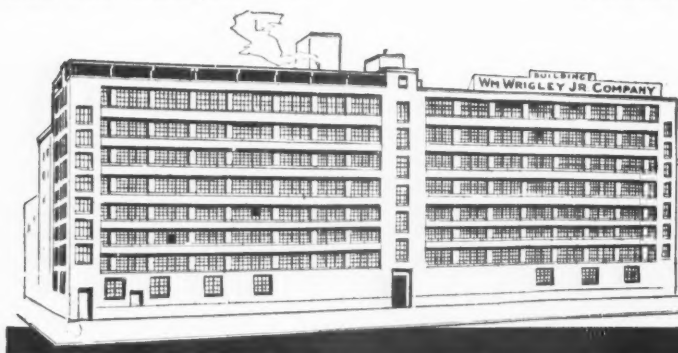
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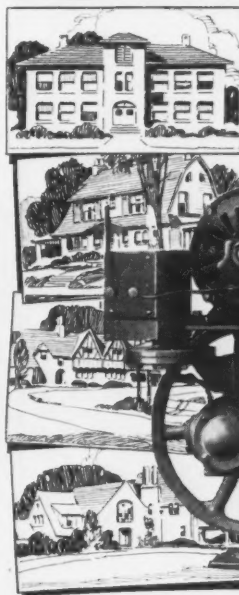
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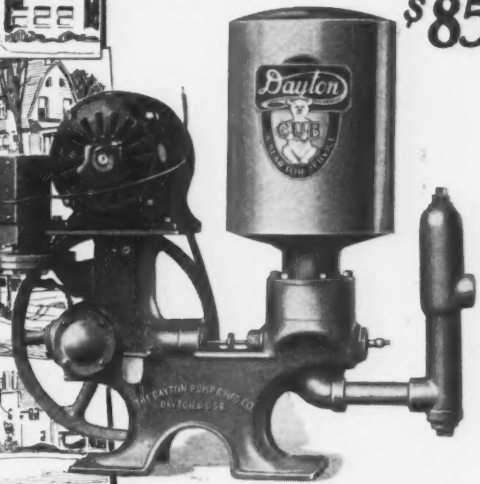
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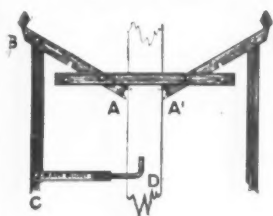
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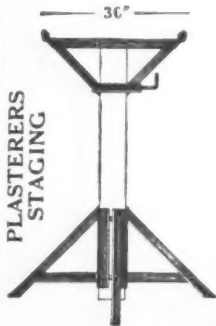
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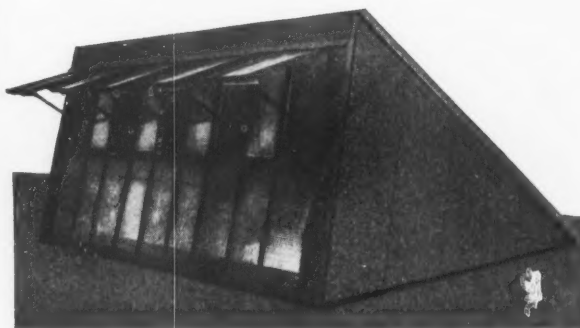
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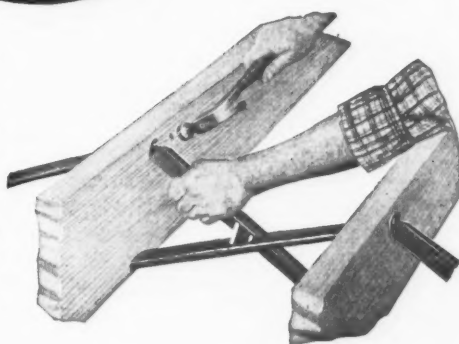
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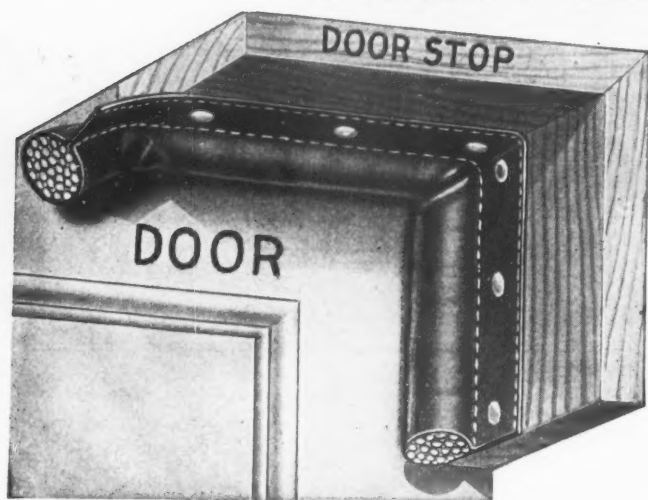
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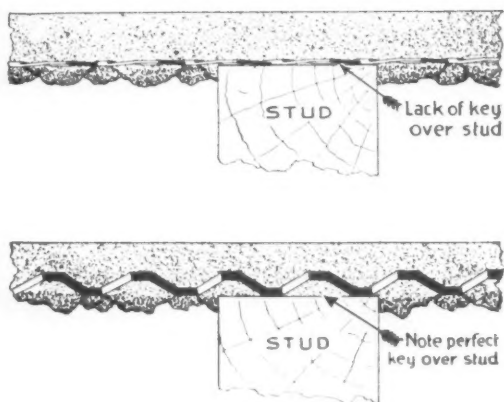
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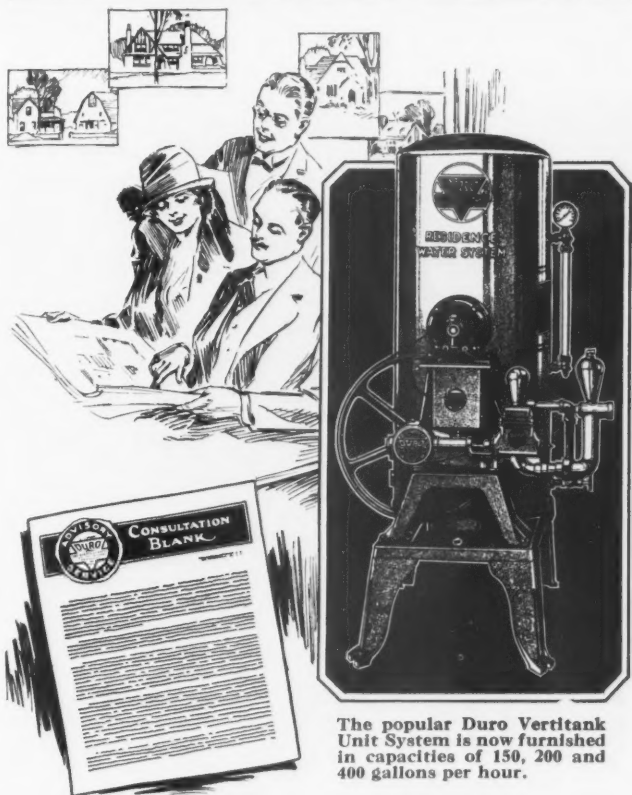
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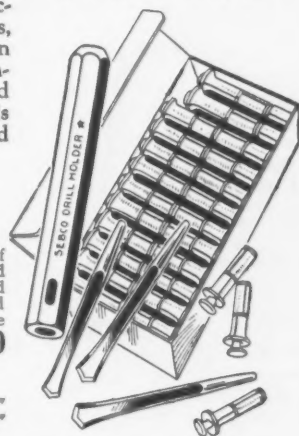
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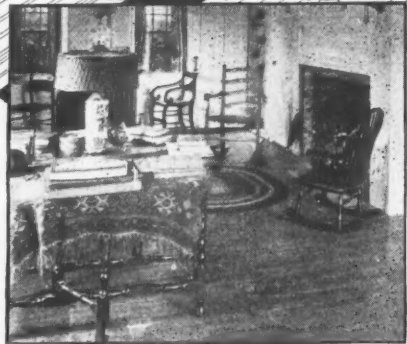




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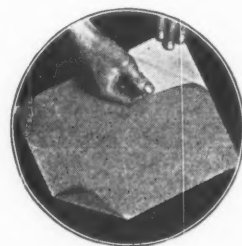
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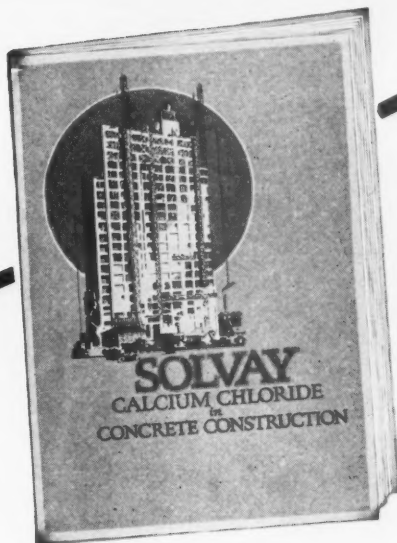
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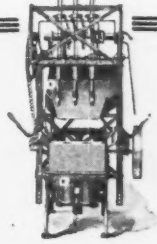
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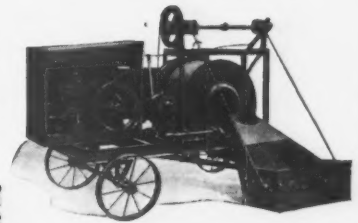
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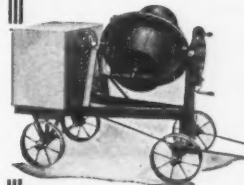
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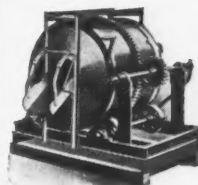
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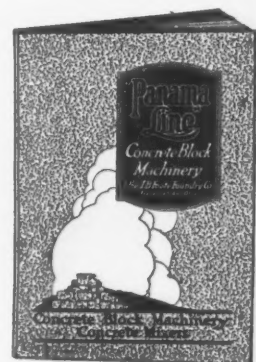
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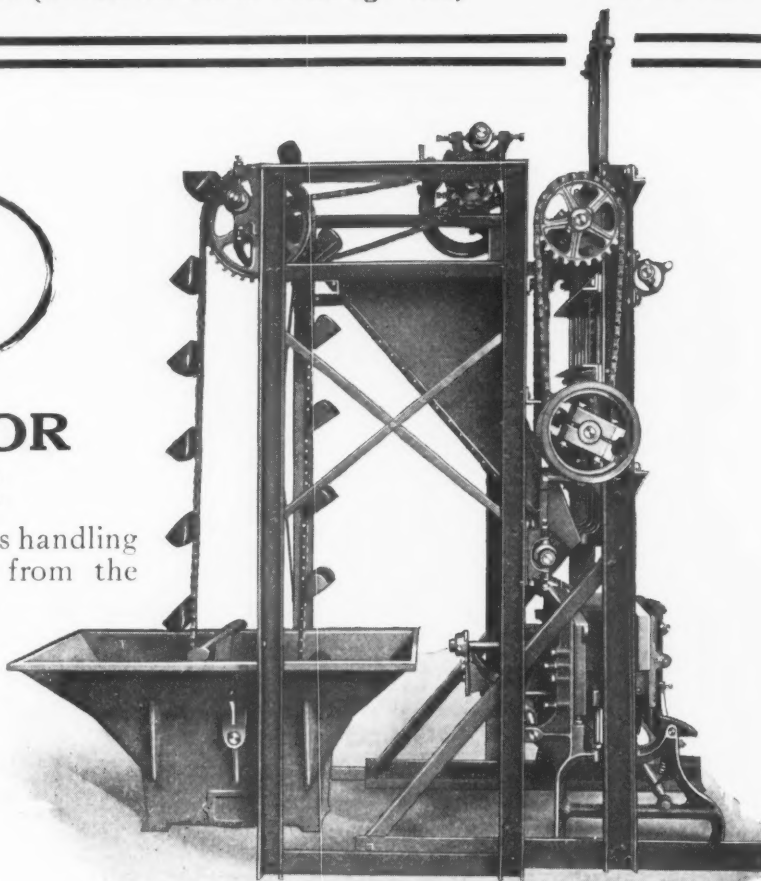
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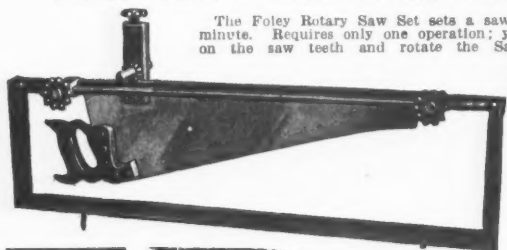
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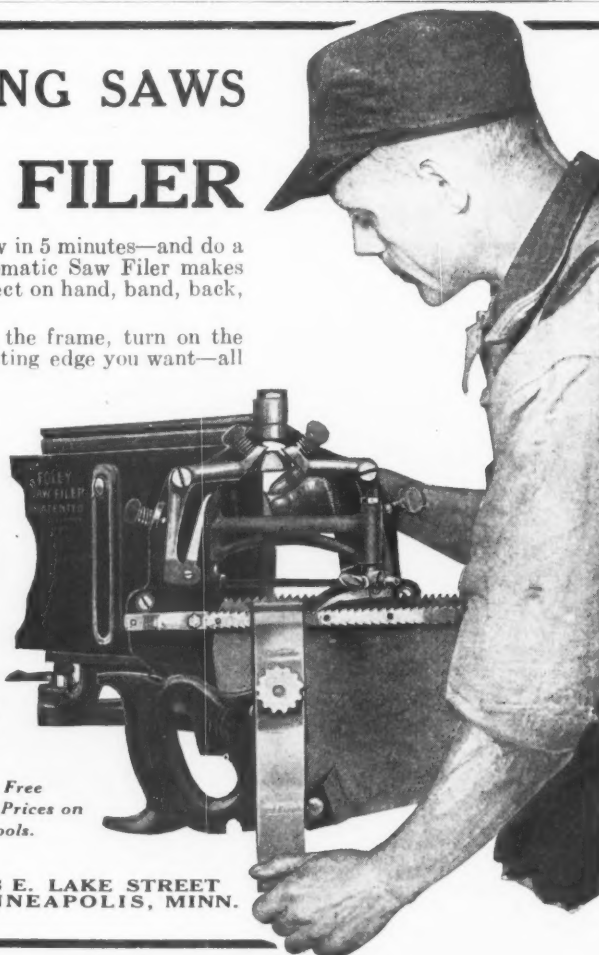
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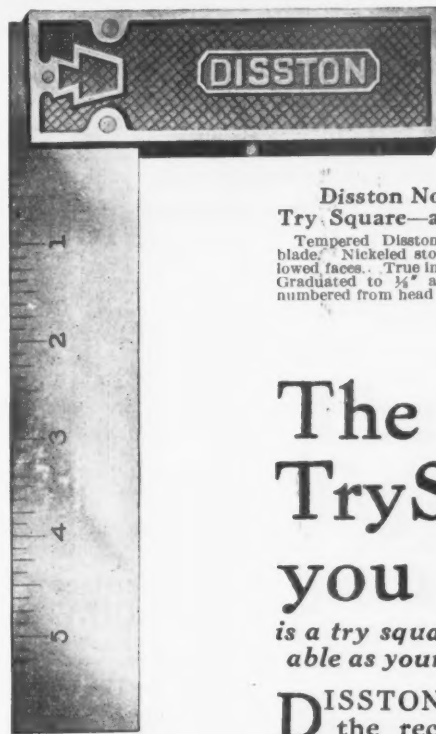
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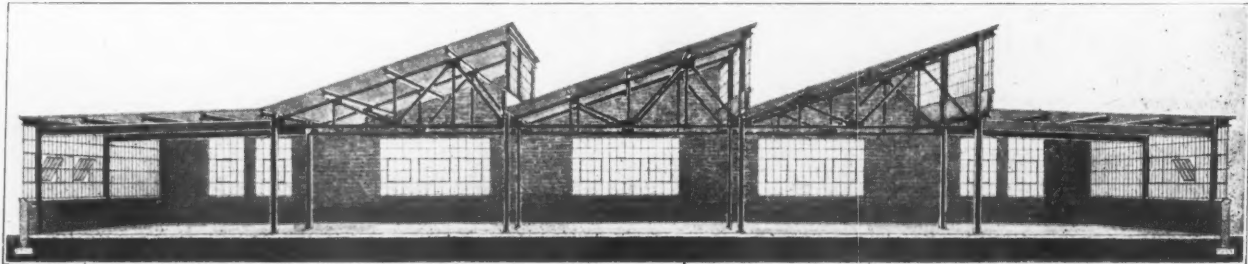


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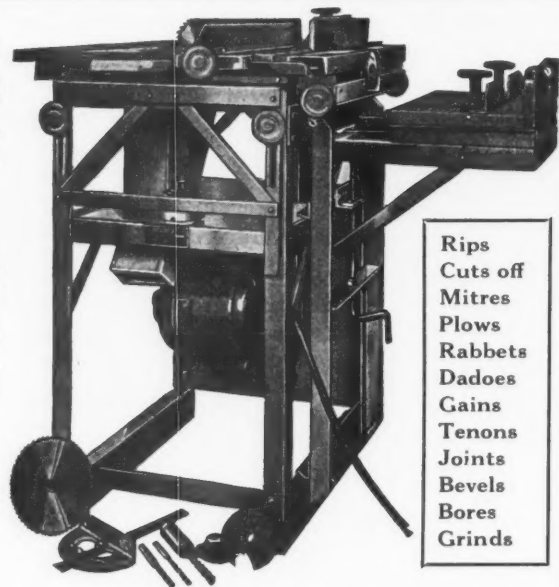
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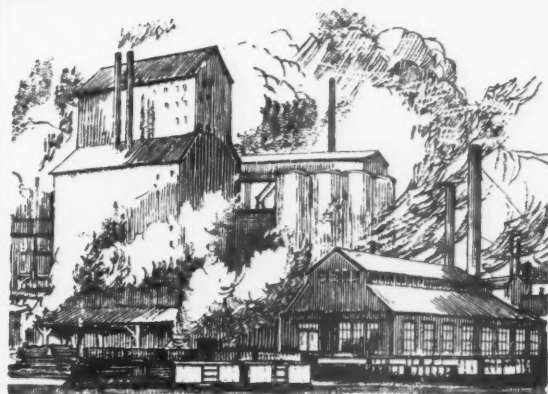
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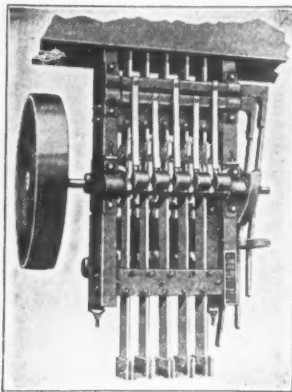


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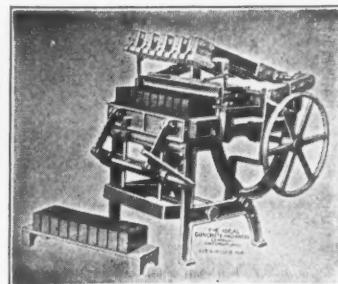


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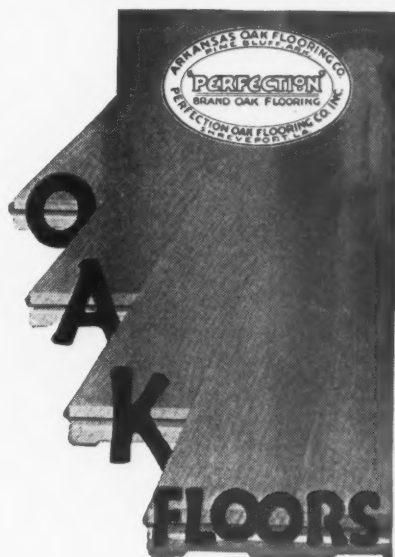


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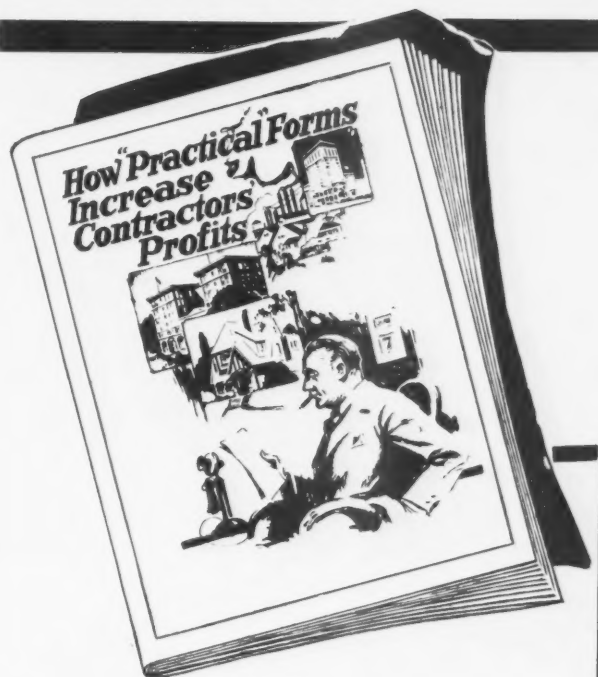
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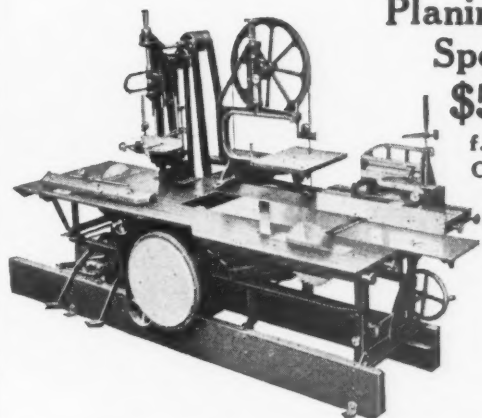
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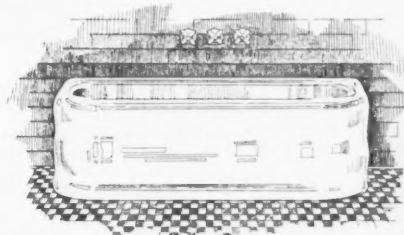
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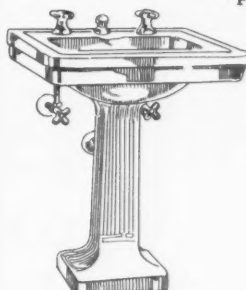
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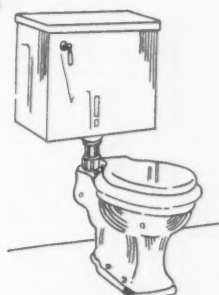
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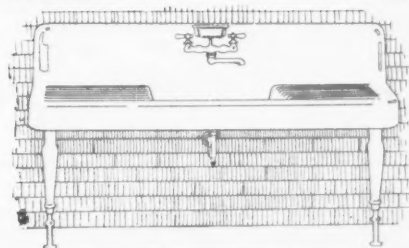
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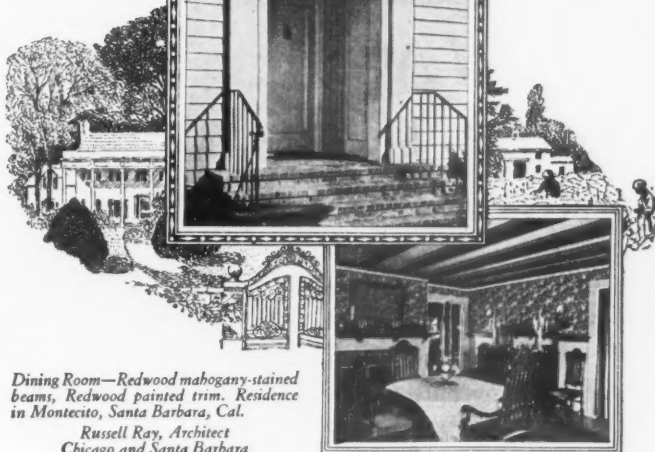
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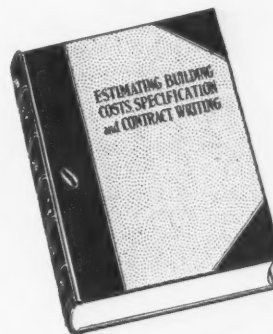
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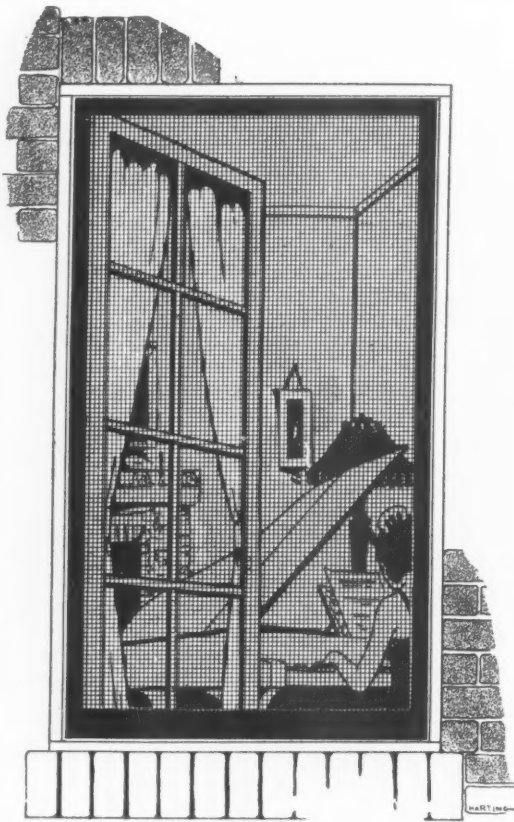
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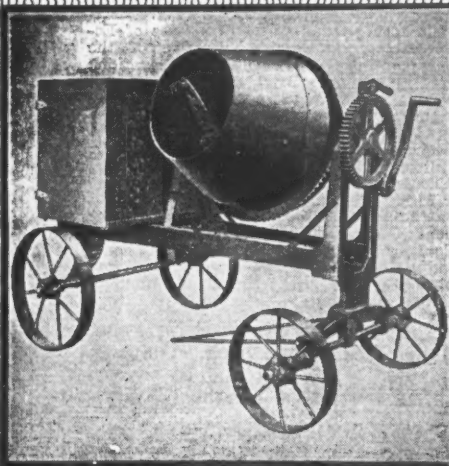
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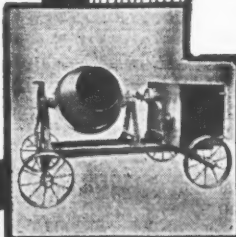
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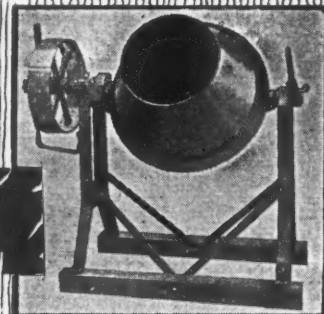
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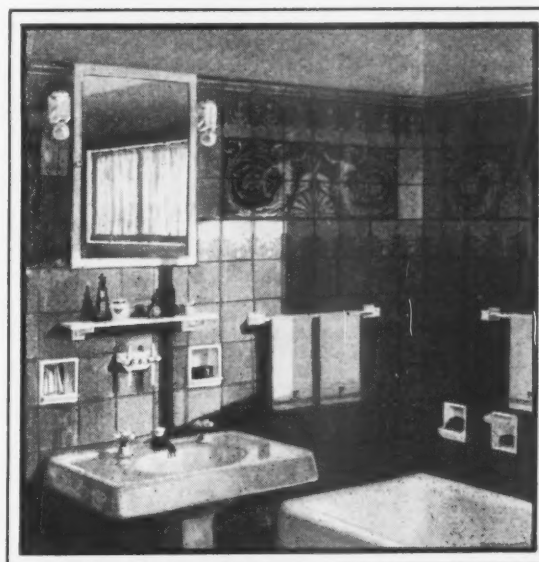


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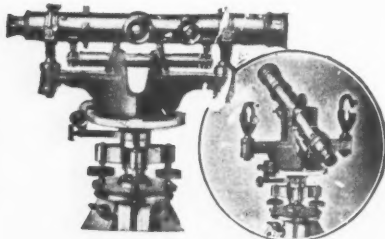
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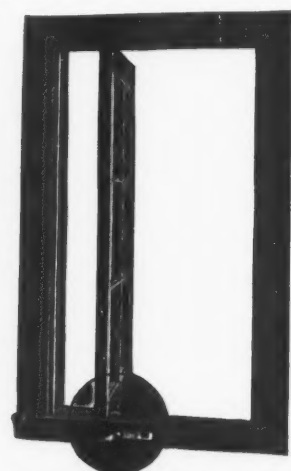
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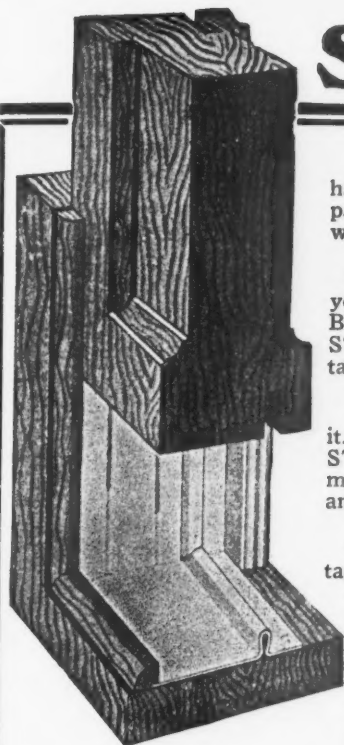
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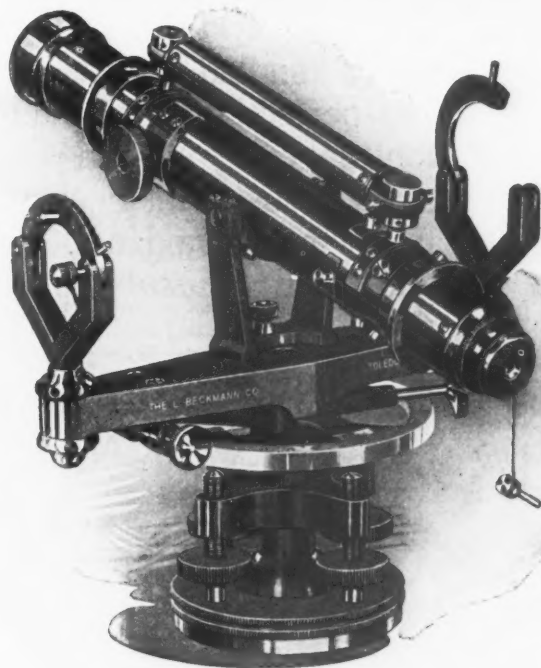
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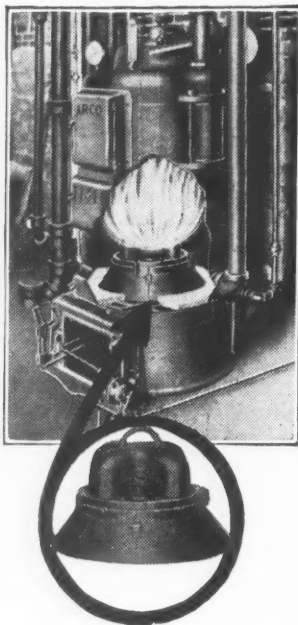
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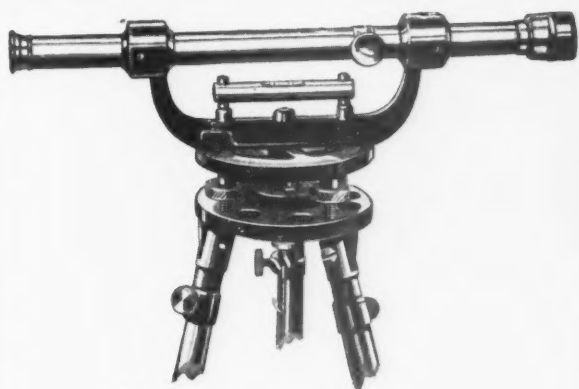
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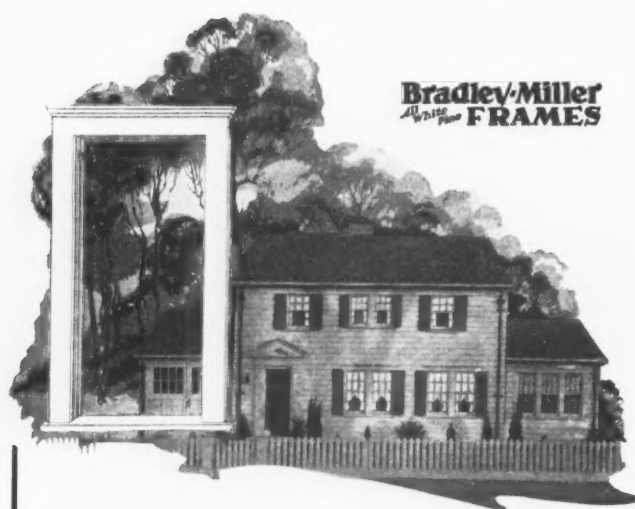
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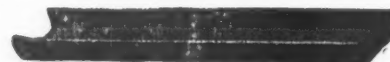
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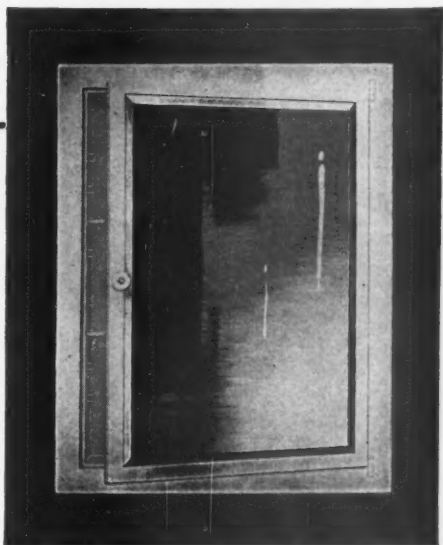
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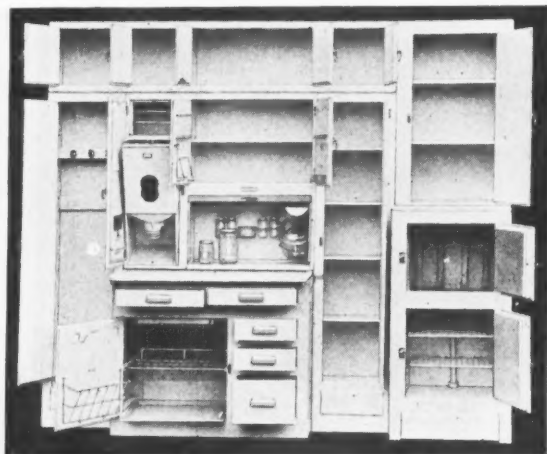


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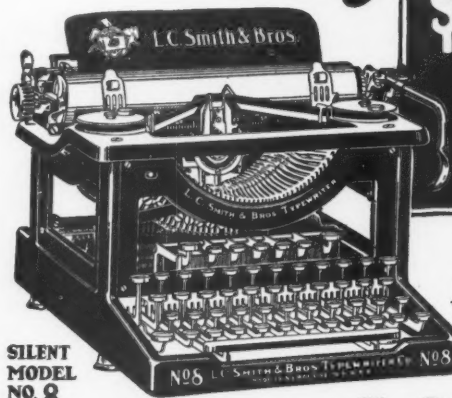
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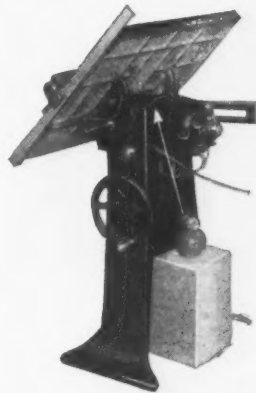
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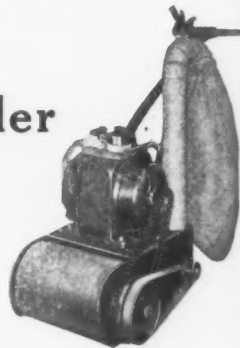


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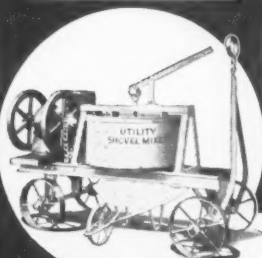
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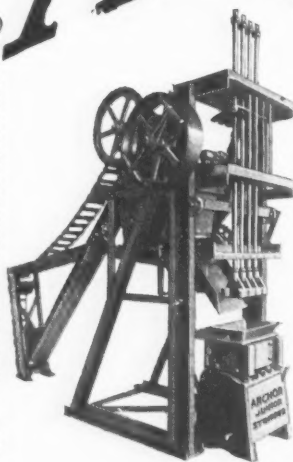
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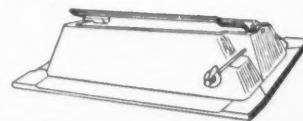
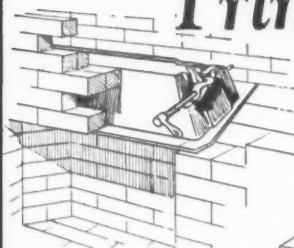
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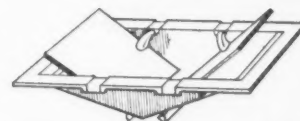
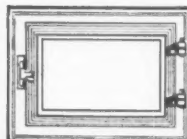
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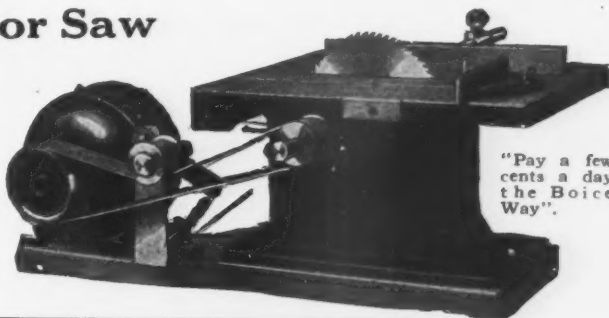
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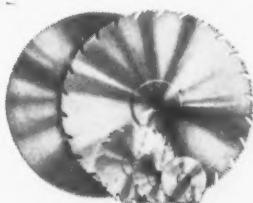
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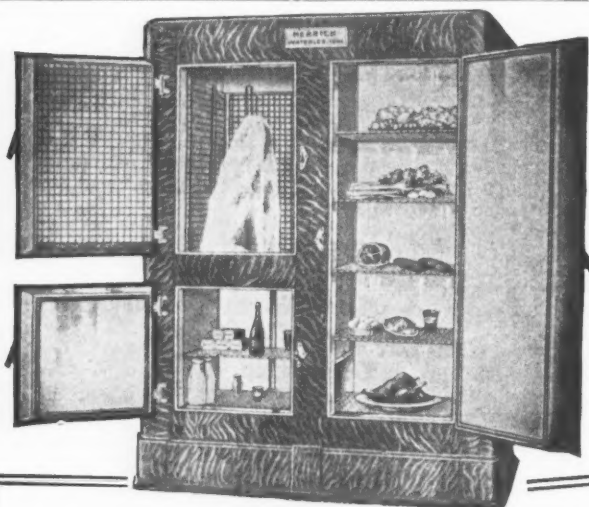
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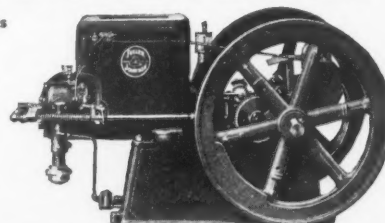
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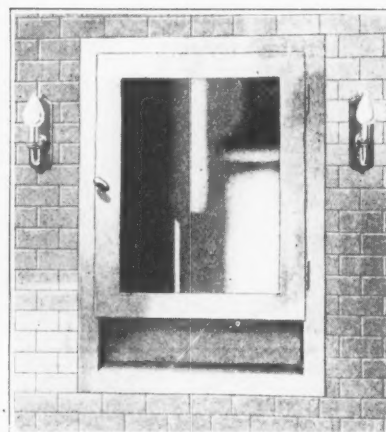
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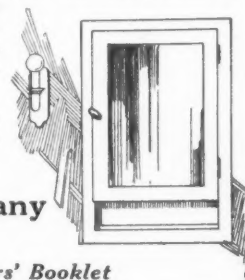
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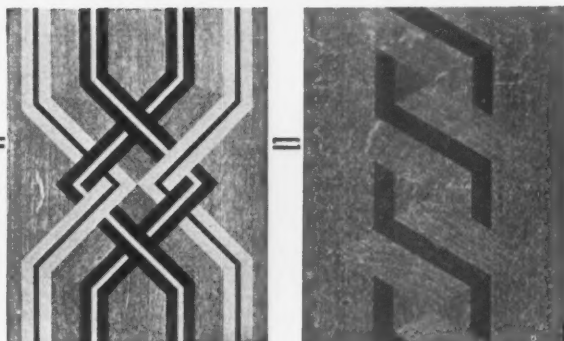
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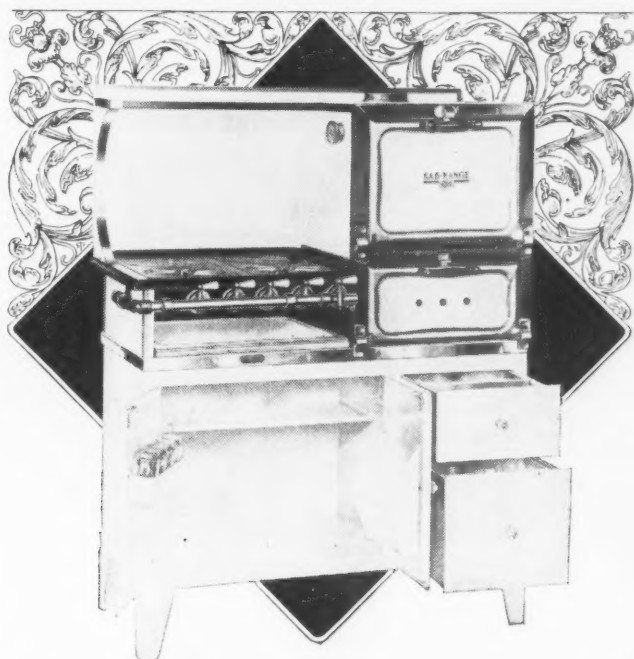
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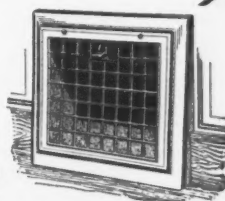
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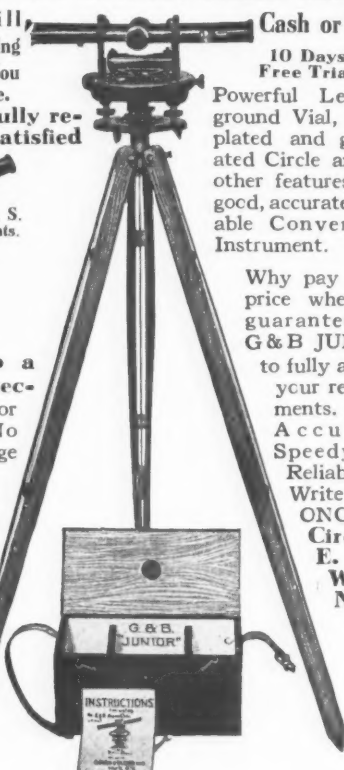
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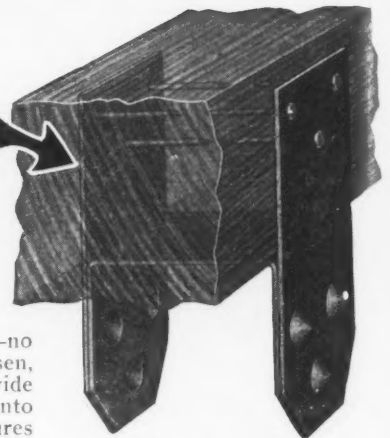
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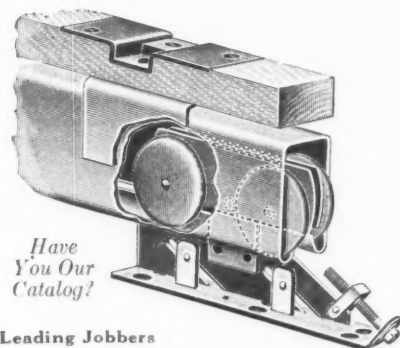
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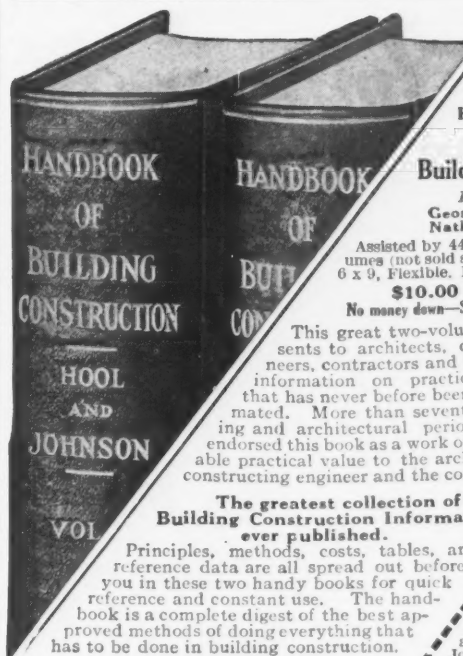
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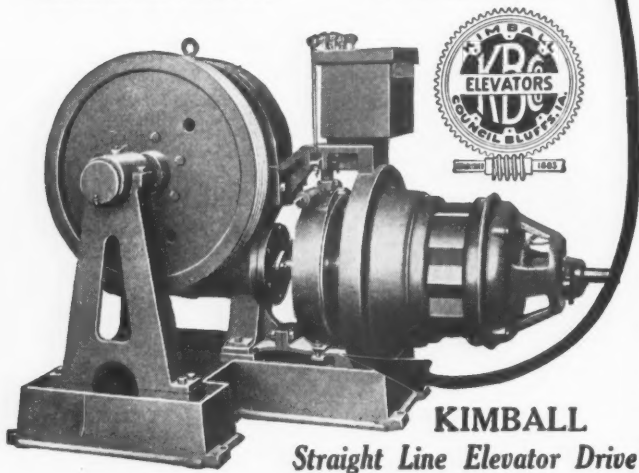
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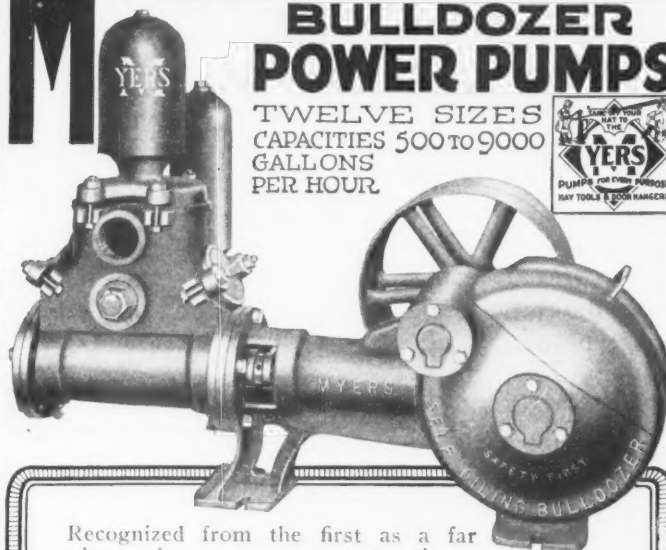
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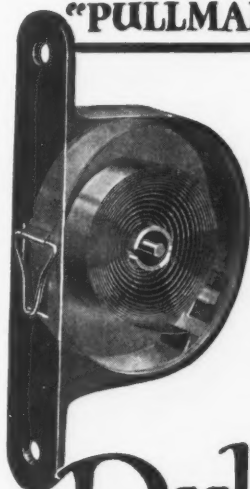
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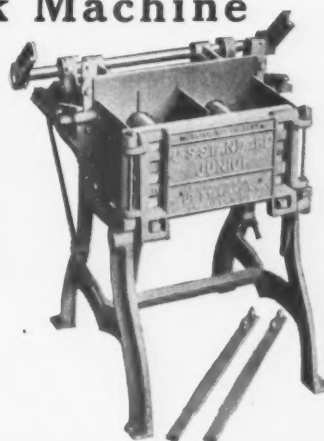
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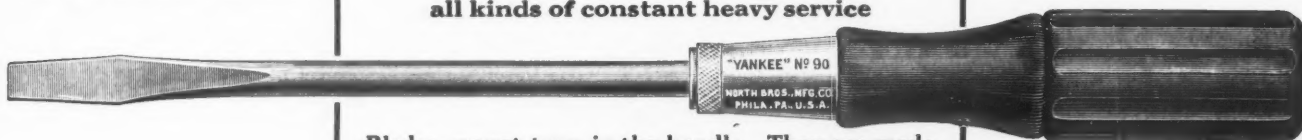




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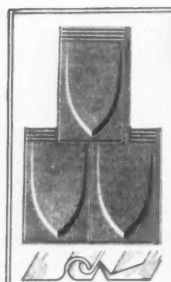


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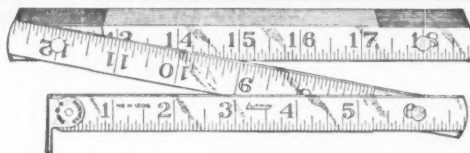
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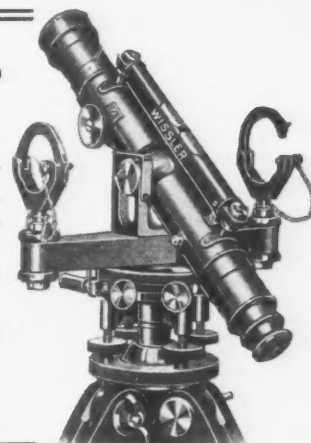
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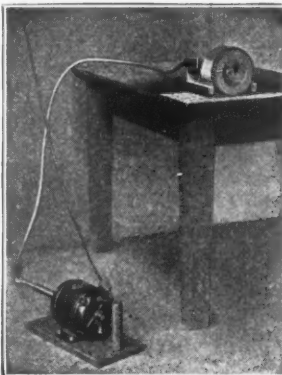
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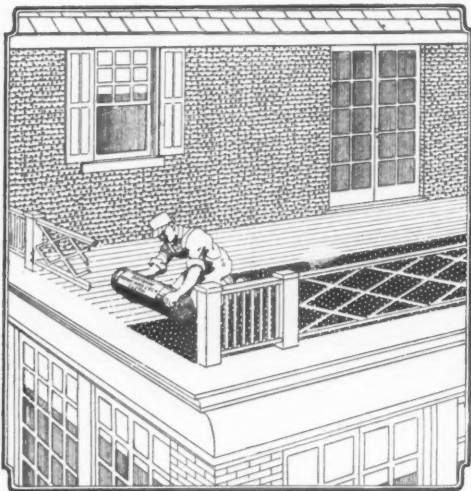
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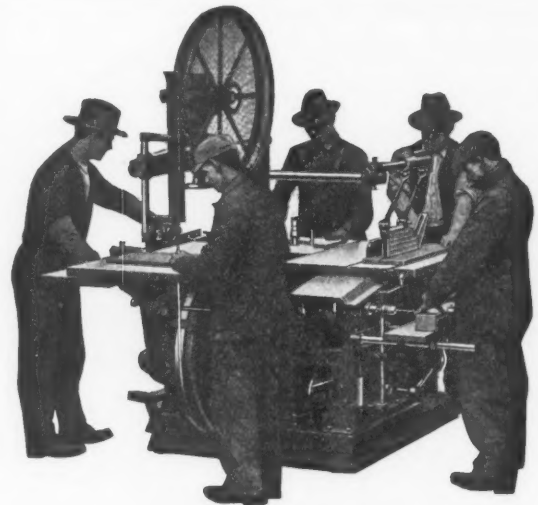
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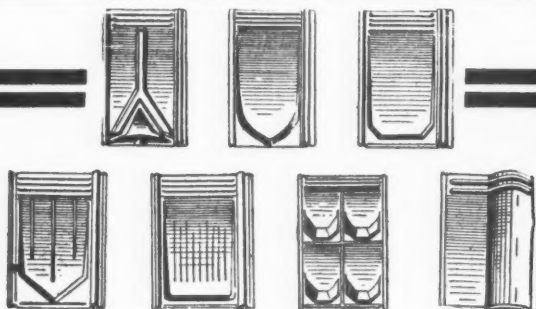


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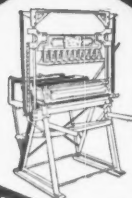
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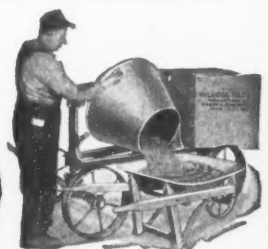
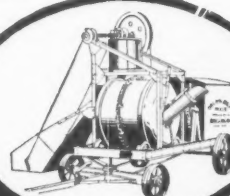
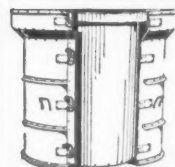
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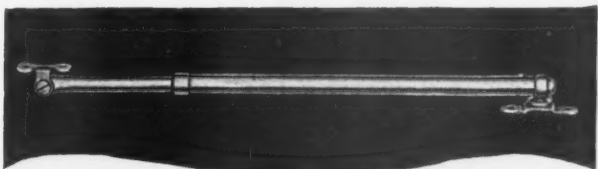
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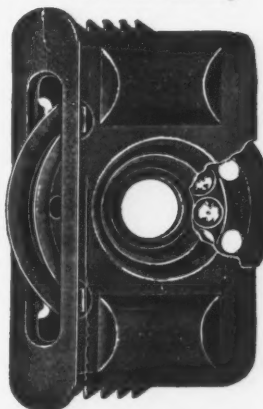
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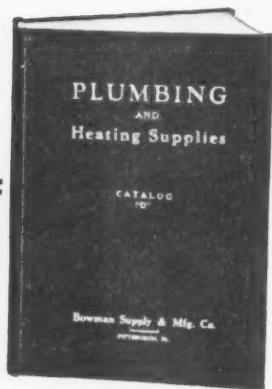
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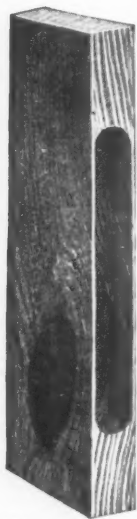




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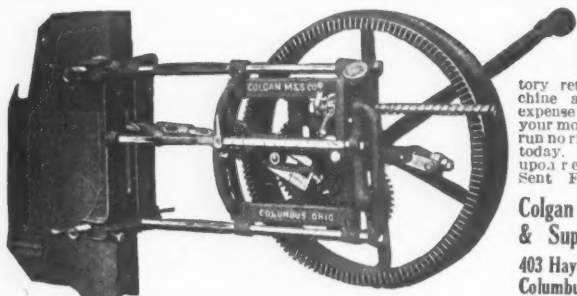
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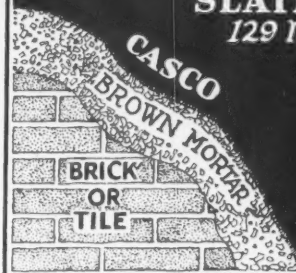
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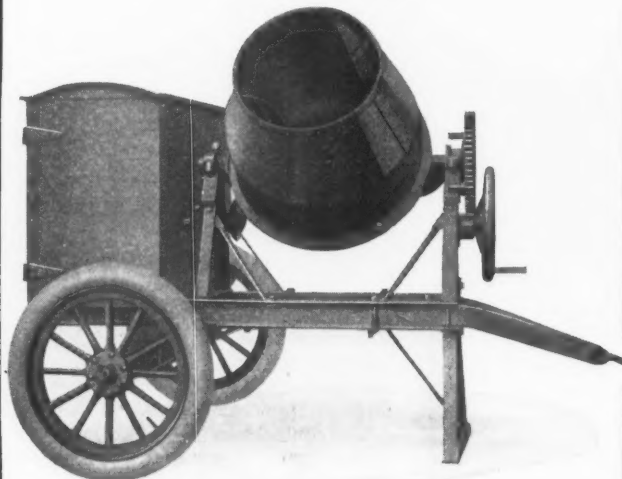
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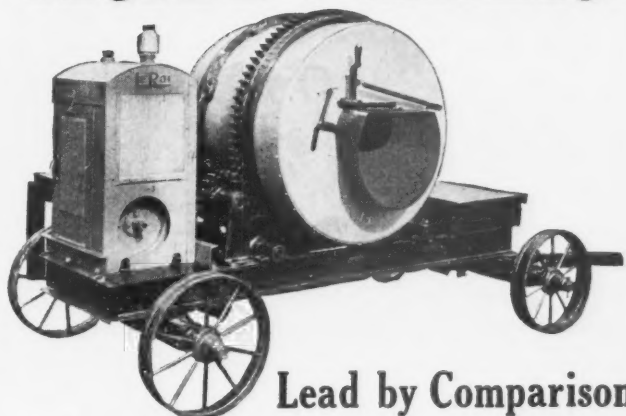
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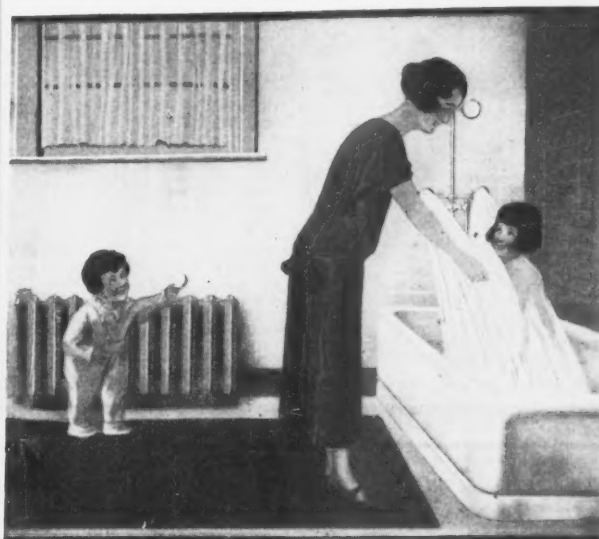
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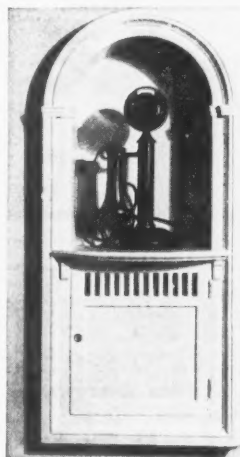


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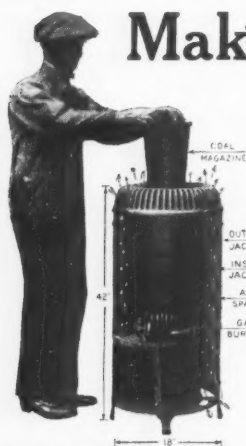
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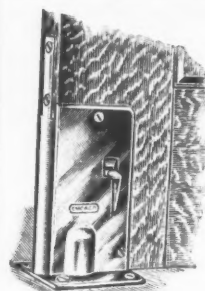
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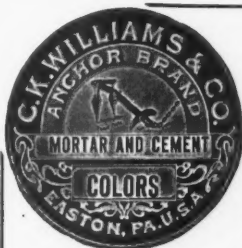
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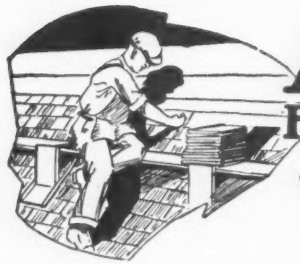
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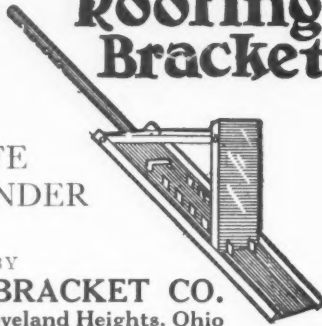
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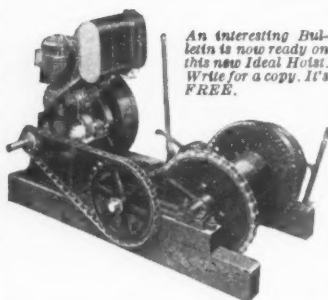
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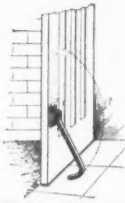
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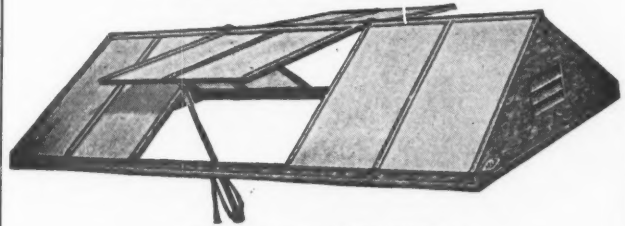
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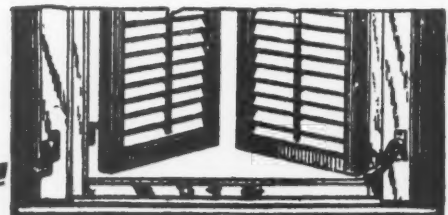
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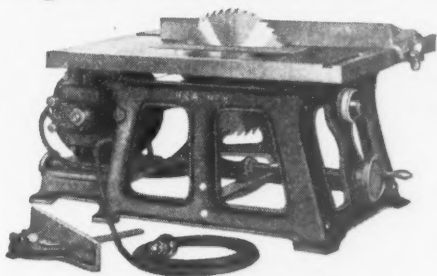


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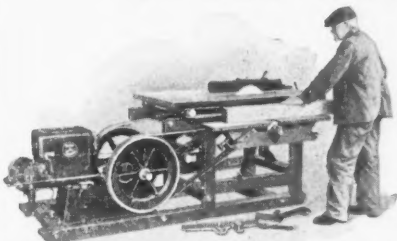
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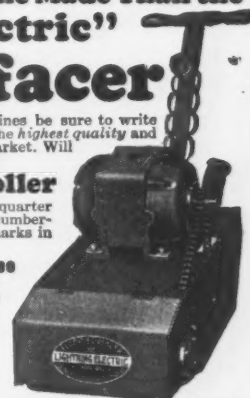
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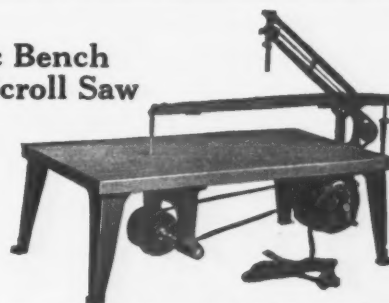
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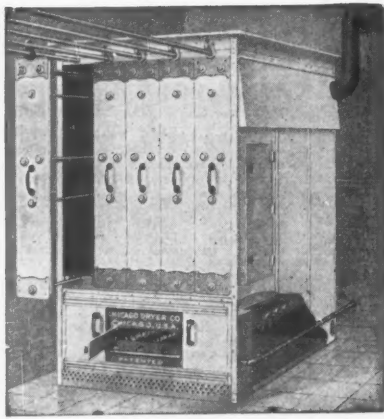
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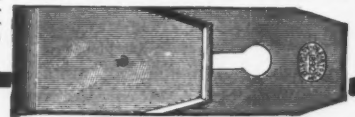
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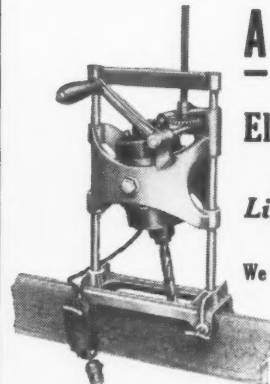
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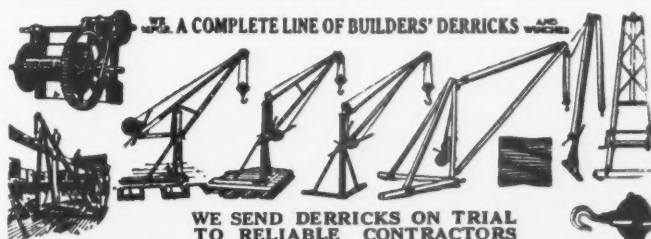


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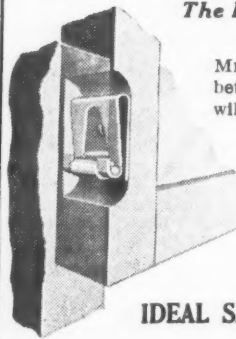
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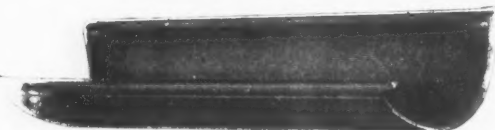
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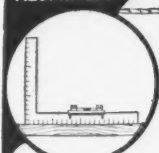
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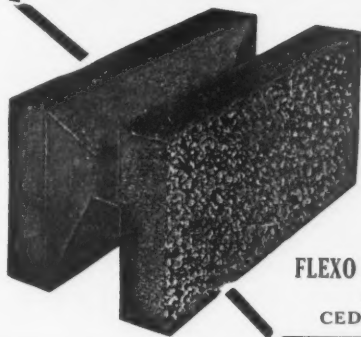
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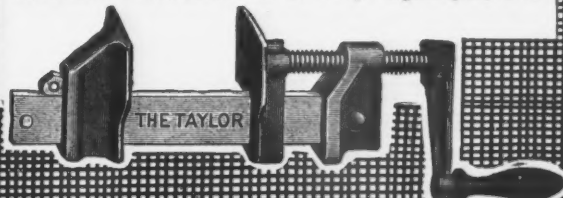
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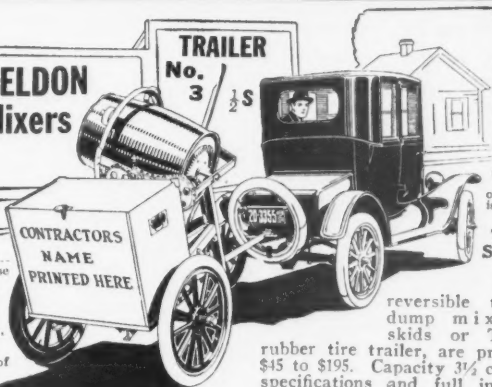
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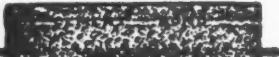
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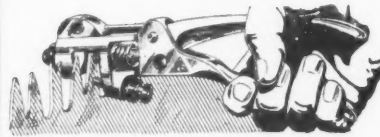
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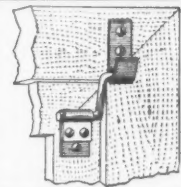
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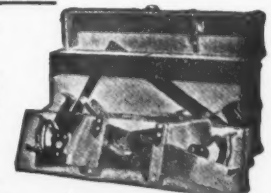
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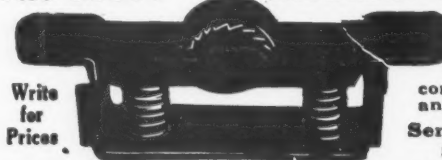
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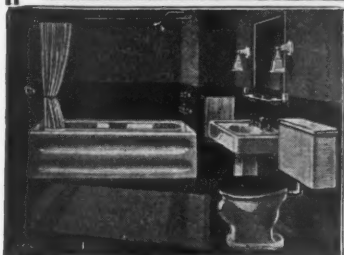
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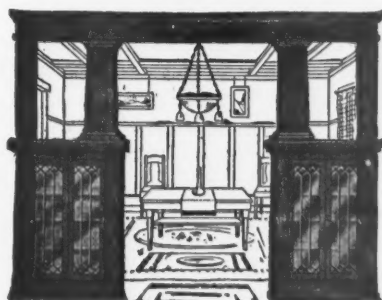
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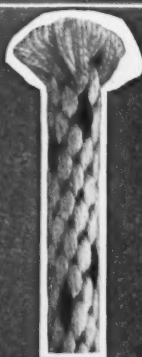
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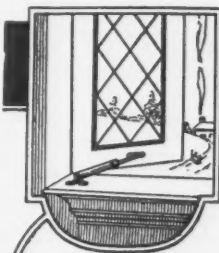
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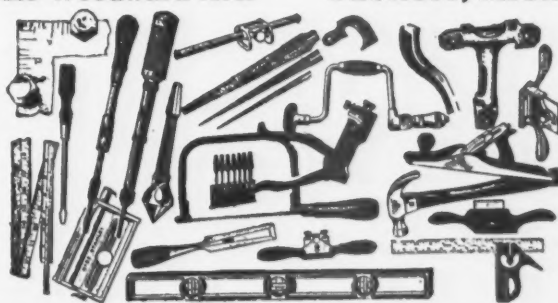
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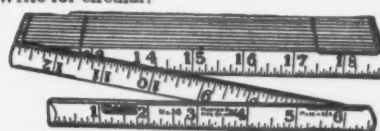
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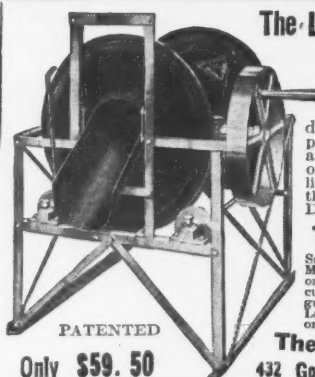
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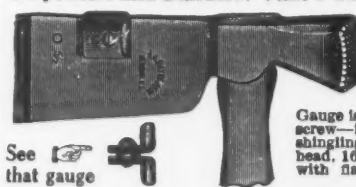
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